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AMES BY THE GRACE OF GOD, King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, defendor of the faith &c. To all to whom theſe preſents ſhall come greting. *whereas* wee are credibly informed, as well by our right truſtie and right welbeloued Coſin and Counſelor *Charles* Earle of Nottingam Lord high Admirall of England, and Captaine Generall of our Nauy Royall, as alſo by our principall officers of our ſaid Nauy, how ſlenderly and deceiptfully, aſwell our owne Ships and Barges, as alſo other Shippes, Boates, Pinnaces, & like veſſels of our Marchants, and other our ſubiectes, vſed in continuall ſeruice and trafficke, are made and wrought, to the great loſſe, danger, and preiudice of vs and our ſaid ſubiectes, and alſo of the great, needleſſe and waſtfull charge and expences which wee doe from time to time beare and ſuſteine in building and repairing of our owne Shippes and Pinnaces, which are and haue beene the chiefeſt and greateſt defence of this our Realme, from

The preamble,

from the assaults of such enemies as haue practized the ouerthrow of the same: Wee weighing the manifould dangers, losses, and hinderances, which might and were likely more and more to ensue thereof, if speedy remedy be not therefore had and prouided. And intending to prouide for the strengthning of these our Kingdomes and Dominions, with sufficient Shipping for defence and seruice thereof. And to th'intent that aswell our selfe might from time to time be furnished, stored, and supplied with the fittest and ablest Ship-wrights, and worke-men for the building, making, and repairing of our owne Shippes, Pinnaces, and other vessels. As also that our Marchants, and other our subiects might also in their worke and building, from time to time, be stored and supplied with skilfull, able, and sufficient Ship-wrights and work-men. And for the better suppressing of deceiptes and abuses of diuers persons, which should take vpon, without sufficient skill and knowledge to make or repaire any Shippes, Boates, Pinnaces, or other vessels, to the great danger and hindrance, as well of our selfe, as of diuers other our louing subiectes. Wee did by our Letters Patents vnder the great Seale of England, bearing date the two and twenteth day of Aprill: In the yeare of our raigne of England, France, and Ireland the third, and of Scotland the eight and thirteith; Incorporate the Company of Ship-wrights, and the Persons being Ship-wrights or Carpenters, vsing the art or mistery of building and making of Shippes, within our Realme of England, and dominion of Wales, by the name of Maister, Wardens, and Cominaltie of the Art or Mistery of Ship-wrights of England, and did grant vnto them by our said Charter, or Letters Pattents, diuers Preuiledges, Liberties, and immunities, mentioned and contayned in the saide Letters Pattents, tending to the reformation of the saide Abuses and deceites. And whereas diuers defects and imperfections haue been sithence

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by experience found to be in the ſaid Charter aſwell in the extent thereof to what perſons it ſhould extend, As alſo in the want of ſufficient auᵭhoritie and meanes to gouerne and order the ſaid Corporation and the men and members thereof, and the affaires of the ſame, and the Shipwrights, workemen, apprentices and ſeruants vſing the ſaid art, and for want of power and meanes to reforme, preuent, order and correᵭ many contempts, miſdemeanors, deceits, and offences in the ſaid art or miſterie, and the matters and things thereunto appertaining, and to puniſh ſtubborne, obſtinate, and diſobedient perſons of that profeſſion, whereby manifold errors, deceits, & inconueniences are ſtil praᵭiſed, and continued, to the great hindrance of the Nauigation of this kingdom, the often loſſe & hazard of mens liues and goods, and the eſpeciall preiudice of our owne ſeruice and the Common-wealth. *Know* yee that wee for reformation, amendment, and ſupplie of the defects and imperfections aforeſaid, and for redreſſe of the ſaid great and manifold errors, enormities, deceits, and inconueniences, at the Petition of the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Cominaltie, and for the great deſire wee haue, that good and conuenient lawes, orders, and ordinances ſhould be eſtabliſhed and vſed in and about the Corporation and Companie, and the ſaid Art or Miſterie, and for the aduancement of the good eſtate of the Shipping and Nauigation of this Kingdome, to the good ſeruice both of our ſelfe and the Common-wealth, Haue of our eſpeciall grace, certaine knowledge, and meere motion, granted, conſtituted, and ordained, and by theſe Preſents for vs our heires and ſucceſſors doe grant, conſtitute and ordaine. That all and euery perſon and perſons being Ship-wrights, Calkers, or Ship-carpenters, or in any ſort vſing, exerciſing, praᵭiſing, or profeſſing the Art, trade, skill or miſterie of building, making, trimming, dreſſing, grauing, launcing, winding, drawing, ſtocking, or repairing of Ships, Caruels, Hoyes, Pinnaces,

The reaſons and ground of this Charter.

Who are to bee of the Corporation.

Crayers, Ketches, Lighters, Boates, Barges, Wherries, or any other veſſell or veſſels whatſoeuer vſed for Nauigation, fiſhing or tranſportation within or about our Realme of England and dominion of Wales, or of making, trymming, or repairing of Maſts, Toppes, Pullies, Pumpes for ſhips, Oares, or any other inſtruments or appurtenances of wood thereunto belonging, or any other Carpentrie worke whatſoeuer belonging to, or vſed, occupied, or imployed, in or about any Shippes, Pinnaces, or other veſſell or veſſels aboue mentioned, or in any ſort appertaining to ſhipping, ſayling, rowing, ſtocking, launching, or Nauigation, ſhall from henceforth foreuer be, and ſhall be taken and accounted to be one body Corporate and politique in matter, deede and name, By the name of Maſter, Wardens and Cominaltie of the Art or Myſterie of Ship-wrights of Redrith in the Countie of *Surrey*, and them by the name of Maſter, Wardens and Cominaltie of the Art or Myſterie of Ship-wrights of Redrith in the Countie of *Surrey*, wee doe for vs our heires and ſucceſſors really, fully, and wholly erect, make, ordaine, create, incorporate, conſtitute and declare by theſe preſents, one body corporate & politique in matter, deede and name. *And wee* will and by theſe preſents: for vs our heires and ſucceſſors, of our eſpeciall grace, certaine knowledge and meere motion, doe graunt to the ſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Cominaltie and their ſucceſſors for euer. That they by the ſaid name of Maſter, Wardens and Cominalty of the ſaid Art or Myſterie of Ship-wrights of Redrith aforeſaid, ſhall from henceforth haue perpetuall ſucceſſion. And that they and their ſucceſſors by the ſaid name of Maſter, Wardens & Cominaltie of the ſaid Art or Miſterie of Ship-wrights of Redrith aforeſaid, be and ſhall beat all times hereafter a bodie Corporate and politique able, & capable, in deed & in law, to haue, hold, occupie, enioy, poſſeſſe, and retaine all and ſinguler vſages, cuſtomes, liberties, priuiledges, immunities, iuriſdictions, franchiſes,

The name of the Corporation.

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prehéminences, benefits, profits and commodities whatſoeuer to them heeretofore granted or belonging, or heereafter to be graunted or belonging, or incident, requiſite or fitte, to or for them, or for ſuch a Corporation to haue and enioy, of what kind, nature, or qualitie ſoeuer they ſhall be, to them and their ſucceſſors for euer. And that alſo by the ſame name of Maſter, Wardens, and Cominaltie of the ſaid Art or Myſterie of Ship-wrights of Redrith aforeſaid, they ſhall and may be able and capable in law to haue, hold, purchaſe, receiue, take, poſſeſſe and enioy aſwell any mannors, meſſuages, landes, tenements, rents, reuerſions, ſeruices, and other hereditaments in Fee, to them and their ſucceſſors for euer, As alſo all and ſinguler goods, chattels, and other things whatſoeuer, and the ſame manners, meſſuages, lands, tenements, rents, reuerſions, hereditaments, goods, chattels, and other the premiſſes, and euery or any part or parcell thereof, to demiſe, graunt, ler, ſet, aſſigne, and diſpoſe at their will and pleaſure, and to make ſeale and accompliſh all deedes, euidences and writings, of, for, and concerning the ſame and euery parcell thereof in that behalfe needfull, neceſſarie, or conuenient to be made or had. *And that* they and their ſucceſſors by the ſame name of Maſter, Wardens, and Cominaltie of the Art or Myſterie of Ship-wrights of Redrith aforeſaid ſhall and may be perſons able and capable in law to ſue and be ſued, plead and be impleaded, anſwere and to be anſwered, to defend and to be defended in all, or any Court or Courts, place or places, iuriſdiction, or iuriſdictions whatſoeuer, and before any Iudge, Iudges, Iuſtices or other perſon or perſons, officer or officers whatſoeuer, in all and ſinguler actions, plaints, Pleas, ſuits, quarrels, cauſes, matters and demaunds of whatſoeuer kinde, nature, qualitie or ſort, in ſuch manner and forme, & by all thoſe waies and means, and to ſuch end and purpoſes as any other Corporation or any our liege people of this our Realme of England, being Corporations or

persons able and capable in deede or law, may or can haue, hold, purchase, receiue, possesse, enioy, retaine, giue, grant, demise, alien, assigne, dispose, plead and be impleaded, answere and be answered, and to defend and be defended, or do permit and execute, by any lawful waies or meanes whatsoeuer. *And also* that the said Master, Wardens, and Cominalty of the Art or Mysterie of Shipwrights of Redrith aforesaid, shall and may make or cause to be made, and may haue a Common Seale for them and their successors for euer to serue for the ensealing, doing and confirming of all and singuler their causes, affaires and businesse whatsoeuer. And that it shall and may be lawfull to and for the said Master, Wardens, and Cominaltie and their successors the same Seale at their will and pleasure from time to time to breake, deface, alter, change and make new, as to them shall seeme most meete and conuenient. *And further* we will, and for vs, our heires and successors, we do grant by these presents. That from henceforth for euer there be, and shall be one Master, three Wardens, sixteene Assistants of the said Corporation, Art or Mysterie of Ship-wrights of Redrith aforesaid, to be constituted and chosen, in such manner and forme as heereafter in these presents is expressed and specified. *And for the* better execution of the premisses, and also for the good rule and gouernment of the Master, Wardens, and Cominaltie of the Art or Mysterie of Shipwrights aforesaid, from time to time, for euer we haue assigned, ordained and constituted, And by these presents, for vs, our heires and successors, do assigne, name, ordaine, and constitute our welbeloued subiect *Phinees Pett*, our seruant and Master Ship-wright, to be the first Master of the said Art or Mysterie of Ship-wrights, willing that the said *Phinees Pett* be and shall continue Master of the said Art or Mysterie, from the day of the date of these presents, vntill the morrow after the feast of Saint Bartholmew Th'apostle now next ensuing, and then from thenceforth vntill some other

To haue a Common Seale.

To haue a Master, three Wardens, and sixteene Assistants.

Nomination of the first Master.

other meete and ſufficient man of the ſaid Art or Myſterie of Ship-wrights aforeſaid, be elected, & ſworne to execute the ſaid Office of Maſter of the ſaid Art or Myſtery of Ship-wrights of Redrith aforeſaid, according to the ordinances and prouiſions in theſe preſents expreſſed and limited, if the ſaid *Phinees Pett* ſhall ſo long liue, vnleſſe the ſaid *Phinees Pett* ſhall happen in the meane-time for ſome miſgouernment or other iuſt cauſe to be remoued, whom for ſuch iuſt cauſe, we will and ordaine to be remoueable according to the forme heerein expreſſed. *And alſo* we haue aſſigned, ordained, named, and conſtituted, and by theſe preſents for vs, our heires and ſucceſſors, do aſſigne, name, ordaine, and conſtitute our welbeloued ſubiects, *William Burrell*, *Nicholas Symonſon*, and *Thomas Dymock*, three other Ship-wrights to be the firſt three Wardens of the Art or Myſterie of Ship-wrights aforeſaid, Willing that they the ſaid *William Burrell*, *Nicholas Symonſon*, and *Thomas Dymock* ſhall be and continue Wardens of the ſaid Art or Myſterie of Ship-wrights, from the day of the date of theſe preſents, till the morrow after the feaſt of Saint Bartholmew the Apoſtle, now next enſuing the date heereof, and from the morrow after the ſaid Feaſt, vntill three other meete and ſufficient men of the Art or Myſterie of Shipwrights aforeſaid, be to the ſaid Offices of Wardens elected and ſworne to execute the ſame according to the ordinances, and prouiſions in theſe preſents limited and expreſſed, if they the ſaid *William Burrell*, *Nicholas Symonſon*, and *Thomas Dymock* ſhall ſo long liue, vnleſſe they, or any of them, reſpectiuely in the meane-time ſhall be remoued for their miſgouernment, or for ſome other iuſt cauſe; whom for ſuch iuſt cauſe, wee likewiſe will and ordaine to be remoueable according to the forme heerein expreſſed. *And* moreouer for the better aſſiſtance and counſell of the ſaid Maſter and Wardens in and about the execution of their ſeuerall Offices, wee haue aſſigned, named, ordained

Nomination of the firſt Wardens.

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ned and conſtituted, and by theſe preſents for vs, our heires and ſucceſſors, doe aſſigne, name, ordaine, and conſtitute our welbeloued ſubiects *Mathew Baker*, *William Bright*, *Edward Stephens*, *Nicholas Clay*, *Iohn Apſlin*, *Peter Pett*, *Thomas Ienkins*, *Iohn Graues*, *Robert Bourne*, *Iames Marſhe*, *William Hedger*, *Thomas Wells*, *William Pickes*, *Iohn Maye*, *Edmund Iordan*, and *Richard Watford* to be the firſt and preſent ſixteene Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Art or Myſterie, Willing that they the ſaid *Mathew Baker*, *William Bright*, *Edward Stephens*, *Nicholas Clay*, *Iohn Apſlin*, *Peter Pett*, *Thomas Ienkin*, *Iohn Graues*, *Robert Bourne*, *Iames Marſhe*, *William Hedger*, *Thomas Wells*, *William Pickes*, *Iohn Maye*, *Edmund Iordan*, and *Richard Watford*, and all other Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Art or Myſterie for the time being, ſhall be and continue Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Art or Myſterie of Ship-wrights of Redrith aforeſaid for and during their naturall liues, and ſhall from time to time be aiding, counſelling, and aſſiſting vnto the ſaid Maſter and Wardens for the better gouernment, rule and direction of the ſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Cominaltie of the ſaid Art or Myſterie, and euery member thereof, vnleſſe they or any of them ſhall be remoued from the ſame place of Aſſiſtant or Aſſiſtants, for ſome miſdemeanor or other iuſt cauſe; whom for ſuch cauſe, we likewiſe will and ordaine to be remoueable according to the forme heerein alſo expreſſed. *And for the* better eſtabliſhment of this our good intention and purpoſe, and for the perpetuall, and conſtant continuance, direction, rule and gouernment of the whole body of the ſaid Art or Myſterie, and euery member thereof, wee will and ordaine, That on the morrow next after the ſaid feaſt of Saint Bartholmew the Apoſtle, yearely heereafter, the Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Art or Myſterie of Ship-wrights aforeſaid, for the time being, or the greater part of them for that intent and purpoſe to be aſſembled at, or in their common Houſe or Hall, ſhall elect, chooſe and nominate one perſon

Nomination of the firſt Aſſiſtants.

The day of election of Maſters & Wardens.

perſon who hath formerly beene Warden of the ſaid Art or Myſterie, to be Maſter of the ſaid Art or Myſterie for the next yeare then following, and ſhall at the ſame time elect, chooſe, and nominate out of the ſaid Aſſiſtants, three that ſhall likewiſe be Wardens of the ſaid Art or Myſterie, which ſaid Maſter and Wardens, ſo as aforeſaid nominated, elected and choſen, ſhall be and continue Maſter and Wardens of the ſaid Art or Myſterie, vnto the ſaid terme of one whole yeare then next enſuing, and further vntill ſome Maſter and Wardens ſhall be reſpectiuely elected, preferred and choſen thereunto, they and euery of them, firſt taking a corporall oath vpon the holly Euangeliſts before the Maſter and Wardens, being their laſt predeceſſors or any two of them, or before the Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Corporation, Art or Myſterie, or the greateſt part of them, for the due execution of their ſeuerall Offices reſpectiuely, and alſo the oath commonly called the Oath of Supremacie: which Oathes wee doe by theſe preſents giue power and authoritie to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens for the time being, or any two of them, or to the ſaid Aſſiſtants, or the greater part of them, to miniſter and take of the perſon and perſons ſo elected accordingly, and then euery ſuch Maſter, Warden and Wardens ſo remoued, ſhall then inſtantly be choſen & elected to be aſſiſtant or aſſiſtants, and ſo to remain aſſiſtant or aſſiſtants in the roome and place of him or them that ſhal be ſo choſen out of the ſaid aſſiſtants to be Maſter, Warden and Wardens, firſt taking his or their corporall oath or oathes, before the then Maſter and Wardens of the ſaid Art or Myſterie for the time being, or any two of them, for the due execution of their ſaid Offices and places of aſſiſtants before they take vpon them the execution of the ſame; which Oath wee doe likewiſe giue power and aucthoritie to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens, or any two of them to miniſter and take accordingly. *And further* our will and pleaſure is, And wee doe by theſe preſents, for vs, our heires and ſucceſſors grant, ordaine, and appoint, that the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants, or the greateſt number

To bee remoueable for misdemeanor & and others choſen,

of them, ſo often as any offence or misdemeanor ſhall happen to be committed or done by any of the ſaid Maſter, Wardens or Aſſiſtants, ſhall and may congregate and gather themſelues together in their Common Hall, and ſhall and may haue power and aucthoritie to remoue any or ſo many of the ſaid Maſter Wardens and Aſsiſtants as they ſhall finde to haue committed any ſuch Offences or misdemeanors from their ſaid place or places, and elect others in his or their roome, according to the forme heerein expreſſed, and that when, and as often as it ſhall happen, the Maſter and Wardens of the ſaid Art or Myſterie for the time being, or any of them to die and depart out of this life, or otherwiſe for any reaſonable or lawfull cauſe be remoued or be diſmiſſed from his, or their, or any of their Office or Offices of Maſter and Wardens aforeſaid, or any of them within the yeare wherein they or any of them ſhall be ſo elected and choſen as is aforeſaid, That then, and ſo often it ſhall and may bee lawfull to and for the Maſter, Wardens, and Aſsiſtants of the ſaid Art or Myſterie then for the time being, or the greater part of them, within fifteene daies next after ſuch death, diſmiſsion, or remouing of ſuch Maſter or Wardens, or any of them, to nominate, preferre, elect and chooſe any able and ſufficient perſon or perſons out of the ſaid Aſsiſtants in the ſteed and place of him or them ſo dying, remoued, or diſmiſſed, to be and continue Maſter and Wardens, or Maſter and Warden of the Art or Myſterie aforeſaid, for and during the reſidue of the ſame yeare, and from thence vntill ſome other perſon or perſons ſhall be elected and choſen vnto the ſaid Office or Offices of Maſter and Wardens or Warden of the ſaid Art or Myſterie according to the ordinance and prouiſion in theſe preſents expreſſed. And that this courſe ſhall from time to time be taken as often as the caſe ſhall ſo require. And that hee or they ſo nominated, choſen and preferred to any of the Office or Offices aforeſaid, before he or they ſhall enter into the execution of the ſaid Office or Offices, ſhall take a corporall Oath vpon the holy Euangeliſts, before

fore the Maſter and Wardens of the ſaid Art or Myſterie being their laſt predeceſſors, or any two of them, for the due execution of the ſaid Office or Offices, and alſo the oath commonly called the Oath of Supremacie, which Oathes we doe by theſe preſents giue power and authoritie to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens for the time being, or any two of them, to miniſter and take accordingly. *And if it* happen any of the Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Art or Myſterie to dye or to be remoued from their, or any of their ſaid offices of Aſſiſtants for ſome reaſonable cauſe. That then, and ſo often it ſhall and may be lawfull to and for the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Art or Myſterie for the time being, or the greater part of them then being or remaining, within conuenient time after the death or remouing of any the Aſſiſtant or Aſsiſtants as aforeſaid, to chooſe or make one or moe perſon or perſons being of the moſt honeſt, diſcreete, skilfull and ſufficient Shipwrights, or workemen of the ſaid Corporation, Art or Myſterie to be Aſſiſtant or Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Art or Myſterie. To continue in the ſaid Office or Offices during his or their naturall life or liues, except they or any of them, for ſome reaſonable cauſe ſhall happen to be remoued out of their ſaid Office or Offices as aforeſaid. Firſt taking his or their Corporall Oath or Oathes before the Maſter and Wardens of the ſaid Art or Myſterie for the time being, or any two of them well and truely to execute the ſaid Office or Offices in all things concerning the ſame. And that ſo often as the caſe ſhall require; which Oath wee doe by theſe preſents for vs, our heires and ſucceſſors, giue full power and authoritie to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens, or any two of them to miniſter and take accordingly. *And our* will and pleaſure is, and wee doe by theſe preſents grant and ordaine. That if any perſon or perſons named or elected to be Maſter, Warden, or Aſſiſtant of the ſaid Corporation, Art or Myſterie as aforeſaid, ſhall wilfully, and obſtinately, without good and iuſt cauſe or excuſe, reiect or refuſe, the ſaid Office or Place of Maſter, Warden, or Aſſiſtant re-

ſpectiuely or after hee hath agreed thereto ſhall wilfully and obſtinately, without good and iuſt cauſe or excuſe, reiect or neglect the ſame, or the execution and performance thereof, Then the Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Corporation, Art or Myſterie, or the moſt part of them, ſhall or may impoſe vpon euery ſuch perſon ſo refuſing or neglecting the Office or Place of Maſter or Warden, the Fine of Tenne poundes or vnder, and vpon euery perſon ſo refuſing or neglecting the Office or Place of Aſſiſtant the Fine of Twentie Nobles or vnder, to be paid to the vſe of the ſaid Corporation. To be had, taken and leauied of the goods and chattels of ſuch perſon or perſons ſo refuſing or neglecting, and fined as aforeſaid by way of diſtreſſe, or otherwiſe by action of Debt, Bill, plaint, or Information, wherein no eſſoine, protection, or wager of Law ſhall be admitted or allowed to the defendant. And this to be done from time to time, when, and as often as the caſe ſhall ſo require. *And moreouer* our will and pleaſure is, And wee doe by theſe preſents for vs, our heires and ſucceſſors, grant and ordaine, that there ſhall or may be from henceforth for euer in all and euery conuenient and needefull place and places of our Kingdome of England and Dominions of Wales, one or more honeſt ſufficient and skilfull perſon or perſons of the ſaid Art or Myſterie which ſhall be, and ſhall be called the deputie or deputies of the Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Corporation, Art or Myſterie to be from time to time heereafter elected, nominated, and appointed by the ſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants, or foure of them, whereof the Maſter and one of the Wardens of the ſaid Corporation, Art or Myſterie for the time being, to be alwaies two, and to continue in the place or places, of deputie or deputies of the Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Corporation, Art or Myſterie for the time being, from the time of there ſaid election, for the ſpace of one whole yeare then next enſuing, or vntill hee bee for ſome iuſt cauſe remoued, and ſome other of the ſaid Corporation, Art or Myſterie, be elected, nominated,

To be fined for refuſall or neglect.

To appoynt Deputies in remote places.

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and ſworne to the ſaid Office or place of deputie or deputies according to the true intent and meaning of theſe preſents. *And moreouer* wee will and ordaine, that in caſe, and when, and as often as it ſhall happen any of the ſaid place or places of deputie or deputies, by death or departure, or amotion for iuſt cauſe (which amotion for iuſt cauſe, wee will from time to time ſhall and may be done) or otherwiſe ſhall happen to be or fall voyde. That then, and ſo often from time to time, within conuenient time, after ſuch auoidance, the ſame Office or Place, Offices or Places, ſhall be ſupplied or filled vp, by nomination, election, and preferment of ſome other perſon or perſons of the ſaid Art or Myſterie, according to the fourme before expreſſed, and the purport and true meaning of theſe preſents. *And wee* will, ordaine and command, that euery perſon that ſhall be from henceforth named, and choſen to bee deputie or deputies, to the ſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants, during the time, that hee or they or any of them, ſhall continue in his or their Office or Offices, place or places of deputy-ſhip, doe, and ſhall from time to time imploy the vttermoſt of his and their endeuours, abilities, and skill, in the due execution of this our Charter and Letters Patents, and of euery braunch, article and thing therein contained, and of all good and wholeſome lawes, orders, and ordinances, which at any time heereafter ſhall be made and conſtituted by the ſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants in euery reſpect, according to the true intent and meaning of the ſame, and of theſe preſents, and in all other cauſes, matters and things concerning the good and welfare of the ſaid Art and Myſterie, And that they the ſaid deputies, for the time being, and euery of them ſhall bee from time to time accomptable to the ſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Cominalty and their ſucceſſors, for all ſummes of money, profits and commodities by them, or any of them to be collected or receiued, by reaſon, or in reſpect of his ſaid Office or Offices, place or places of deputie or deputies, and ſhall further before he or they execute or vndertake the ſame

Their duty and office.

Office or Place of deputie or deputies, take a Corporall Oath before the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants, or any foure of them, whereof the ſaid Maſter and one of the Wardens to be alwaies two, or their deputie or deputies, in that behalfe of and for the true and due execution of the ſaid Office and place, and alſo the oath commonly called the Oath of Supremacie, which Oathes wee doe by theſe preſents giue full power and authoritie to the ſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants, or any foure of them; whereof the ſaid Maſter and one of the Wardens to be alwaies two, or to their deputie or deputies, in that behalfe to miniſter and take of euery ſuch deputie or deputies accordingly. *And our* will and pleaſure is, and wee doe by theſe preſents for vs, our heires and ſucceſſors, grant and ordaine, that if any perſon or perſons ſo named or elected, to be deputie or deputies to the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Corporation, Art or Myſterie for the time being as aforeſaid, ſhall accept the ſame office and deputation, and then after ſhall wilfully and obſtinately without good and iuſt cauſe or excuſe, refuſe to attend or execute the ſame. So as no perſon ſo nominated be compelled againſt his will, to hold ſuch place of deputation aboue the ſpace of two yeares together. That then the ſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Aſsiſtants, or the more part of them ſhall or may impoſe vpon euery ſuch perſon ſo refuſing to exerciſe the ſaid Office or Place after ſuch acceptance thereof as aforeſaid, a reaſonable fine not exceeding Twenty Nobles, To bee leauied and paid to the vſe of the ſaid Corporation, *And further* wee will, and by theſe preſents for vs, our heires and ſucceſſors, doe grant vnto the ſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Cominaltie, and their ſucceſſors. That they the ſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Corninaltie, and their ſucceſſors ſhall and may haue, take and entertaine one honeſt and diſcreete perſon in manner and forme heereafter in theſe preſents expreſſed to be nominated and choſen, which ſhall be, and be called the Clearke of the ſaid Corporation, Art or Myſterie of Ship-wrights, And wee haue aſsigned, made, con-

To haue a Clarke.

conſtituted, named and ordained. And by theſe preſents for vs our heires and ſucceſſors, doe aſſigne, make, conſtitute, name, and ordaine our welbeloued ſubiect and ſeruant *Richard Newman* to be the preſent Clearke of the ſaid Corporation, Art or Myſterie. To bee and continue in the ſaid Office during the terme of his naturall life, vnleſſe he for ſome miſdemeanour ſhall be remoued, diſmiſſed, or ſhall ſurrender the ſame: Which Office wee will ſhall be vſed and exerciſed by himſelfe or his ſufficient deputie or deputies, ſuch as the ſaid Maſter and Wardens of the ſaid Art or Myſterie for the time being, or any two of them ſhall allow of. And that from time to time, and at all times after the death, ſurrender, or remouall of the ſaid *Richard Newman*, the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Corporation, Art or Myſterie for the time being, or the greater part of them ſhall or may chooſe, name, and make any other diſcreete man to be Clearke of the ſaid Art or Myſterie. And that he which ſhall be ſo choſen and made Clearke of the ſame Corporation, Art or Myſterie after the death, remoueall or ſurrender of the ſaid *Richard Newman* as is aforeſaid, ſhall and may exerciſe and enioy the ſaid Office of Clearke of the ſaid Corporation, Art or Myſterie for the terme of his life. The ſaid Clearke ſo to be nominated after the death, or remouall of the ſaid *Richard*, or his ſurrendor of his Office as aforeſaid, firſt taking his Corporall Oath vpon the holy Euangeliſts before the Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Corporation, Art or Myſterie for the time being, or the greater part of them well and truely to execute the ſaid Office of Clearke of the ſaid Corporation, Art or Myſterie, in all things appertaining to the ſaid Office to the vttermoſt of his power according to his skill and knowledge, and ſo often, from time to time, as often as the caſe ſhall require: which Oath wee do by theſe preſents giue full power and auctoritie to the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants or the greater part of them to miniſter and take accordingly. *And further* our will and pleaſure is, And wee doe by theſe preſents for vs, our heires

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Power to choose inferior officers

and ſucceſſors, giue and grant to the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Cominaltie of the ſaid Art or Myſterie, of Ship-wrights of Redrith aforeſaid, and their ſucceſſors, That it ſhall and may be lawfull to and for the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants and their ſucceſſors for the time being, or the greater part of them from time to time, when, and as often as occaſion ſhall require, or to them in that behalfe ſhall ſeeme conuenient, likewiſe to name and appoint any other inferiour Officers, Miniſters and members as ſhall be needfull and expedient, in to, or for the ſaid Corporation, Art or Myſterie, or the good gouernment and affaires thereof, and the ſame and euery or any of them from time to time, and at all times at their like will and pleaſure to diſplace, remoue, put out or diſcharge, and him or them or others in his or their place, roome, or ſteed ſo remoued expelled, diſplaced, or diſcharged to take in againe, place or appoint of new, and in like manner to doe and performe, when and as often as he, they, or any of them ſhall fortune to die or to depart this life before hee or they be ſo remoued, expelled or diſcharged. *And alſo* wee will and grant by theſe preſents for vs, our heires and ſucceſſors, to the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Cominaltie and their ſucceſſors. That the ſaid Maſter, Wardens & Aſsiſtants and their ſucceſſors for the time being, or the greater part of them ſhall or may from time to time and at all times hereafter at their like will and pleaſure admit, receiue and take whatſoeuer perſon or perſons being our naturall borne ſubiects, as well within this our Realme of England as in other our dominions and places, being vnder our obeyſance, and not otherwiſe, which would bee, and are, or ſhall be willing and deſirous to bee of the ſaid Corporation as a member or members thereof, and that all and euery perſon and perſons ſo to be admitted, receiued and taken in by the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Aſsiſtants, or the more part of them ſhall from the time of his or their admiſsion, be called and accompted a brother, and member, or freeman of the ſaid Corporation in deede and in name. And alſo that the ſaid Maſter, Wardens

To take in any perſon to bee of the company, and again to diſplace them

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and Aſsiſtants or the greater part of them ſhall or may again, at their will and pleaſure when, and as often as to them or the greater part of them in that behalfe it ſhall vpon good and iuſt occaſion ſeeme moſt meet and expedient, remoue, diſplace, and diſcharge all and euerie ſuch perſon or perſons ſo admitted, receiued and taken in as aforeſaid, of and from the ſaid corporation. *And to* th'intent that as well our ſelfe, our heires and ſucceſſors, as alſo our Marchants and other our ſubiects may from time to time heereafter, be better furniſhed, ſtored and ſupplied with cunning, skilfull and ſufficient Ship-wrights and workemen of that kinde, for the making, building, and repairing of Ships, Pinnaces and other veſſels, and for the auoiding, ſuppreſsing, or preuenting as much as in vs lieth of the manifold abuſes and deceits, therein daily practiſed and committed by ſuch perſons as are altogether vnskilfull, hauing neuer beene trayned or brought vp as apprentices in the ſaid Art or Myſterie, according to the lawes and ſtatutes of this our Realme of England. *Wee doe* therefore of our more eſpeciall grace, certaine knowledge and meere motion for vs, our heires and ſucceſſors, will and grant to the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Cominaltie of the ſaid Art or Myſterie of Shipwrights of Redrith and to their ſucceſſors for euer. That euery freeman of the ſaid company ſhall and may from time to time heereafter, haue, take and keep one or moe apprentice or apprentices, to be trained and brought vp vnder him in the ſaid Trade, Art or Myſterie of a Ship-wright, And that euery ſuch apprentice ſhall bee by couenants bound by and to his Maſter that ſhall ſo entertain him as aforeſaid, duly and truly to ſerue him as his apprentice, for and during the full ſpace and terme of ſeuen yeares at the leaſt, and to be ordered and vſed to all intents and purpoſes according to the cuſtome of the Citie of London, And that the ſame couenant of apprentiſhip to be made by writing, indented and regiſtred or enrolled at their Common hall before themſelues in their ſaid Corporation by their Clearke or his ſufficient deputie or deputies for the time being, and that

Keeping & retayning of Apprentices.

To be bound and enrolled at their Common Hall,

ſuch enrolement ſhall be good and effectuall in the law, to all intents and purpoſes againſt vs, our heires and ſucceſſors, and againſt all perſon and perſons whatſoeuer, Any law, ſtatute, cuſtome or vſage to the contrarie in any wiſe notwithſtanding. *Willing* and by theſe preſents for vs, our heires and ſucceſſors, ſtraightly charging and commanding that no Shipwright,, Calker, or Shipcarpenter, or any other being a Freeman of the ſaid Corporation, and vſing, exerciſing, practiſing, or profeſſing the ſaid Trade, Skill, Art or Miſtery of building, making, trimming, dreſſing, grauing, launching, drawing, ſtocking, or reparing of any Shippes, Pynnaces or other veſſell or veſſels whatſoeuer for nauigation or traffick, ſhall or may at any time or times hereafter receiue, haue, entertaine, or keepe any apprentiſe, or other ſeruant, being not alredy free of the ſaide corporation, or not hauing ſerued with ſome other Shipwright in the ſame Trade to be vſed, exerciſed, trayned, or brought vp vnder him in the ſaid trade, art, or miſtery as aforeſaide, except he firſt cauſe euery ſuch his ſeruant or apprentiſe, to be bound vnto him by Indenture, for the ſaide tearme of ſeauen yeares at the leaſt, or for ſo many yeares as together with the yeares which he hath ſerued in the ſaid trade as aforeſaide, ſhall make vp the number of ſeauen yeares, and doe likewiſe cauſe his ſaide Indenture of apprentiſhip to be regiſtred, or enrolled before the Clarke of the ſaid company, or his deputy for the time being as aforeſaide, within one month next after the taking thereof, vpon paine of our heauy diſpleaſure, and of ſuch fine or other puniſhment as by the lawes and ſtatutes of this Realme, or by the lawes and ordinances already made, or hereafter to bee made by the ſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Art or Myſterie for the time being, or the greater part according to the true intent and meaning heereof, ſhall or may be inflicted vpon him or them that ſhall offend therein. *And further* our will and pleaſure is, And wee doe by theſe preſents for vs, our heires and ſucceſſors of our eſpeciall grace, certaine knowledge and meere motion

Courts and conſultation.

grant

grant to the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Cominalty, and to their ſucceſſors, That it ſhall and may be lawfull to and for the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants, and their ſucceſſors, or the greater part of them, when and as often as to them, or the greater part of them, it ſhall ſeeme needefull or expedient, to aſſemble, conuocate and congregate themſelues together, at or in the Common Hall or houſe being now at *Redrith* in the County of Surrey, or in any other place or places for the ſame conuenient, and then, and there to keepe Court and conſultation for the ſaid Corporation, Art, or Myſterie and the affaires thereof, and the perquiſites, iſſues and profits of the ſaid Court or Courts ſo to be kept and held, to leauie, take and perceiue to and for the vſe of the ſaid Corporation, for the better maintenance and preſeruation thereof, without any account to be made or rendred to vs, our heires, or ſucceſſors in that behalfe. And that alſo it ſhall and may be lawfull to and for the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants, or the greater part of them being ſo aſſembled as aforeſaid (whereof the Maſter and one of the Wardens to be alwaies two) then and there to treate, conſult, common, determine and agree amongſt themſelues, or with any perſon or perſons whatſoeuer of, vpon, and concerning the good eſtate, benefit, conſeruation and wholſome rule, gouernement and ordering of the ſaid Corporation, Art or Myſterie, and the men, apprentices, worke-men, worke-man-ſhip, and all other the affaires & things to the ſame belonging, or therupon in any wiſe depending. And at, in, and vpon ſuch their aſſemblies, meetings and conferences, to make, ordaine and conſtitute ſuch, and ſo many good, wholeſome, and reaſonable lawes, ſtatutes, articles, conſtitutions, orders, and ordinances whatſoeuer, as to them or the greater part of them being then and there preſent (whereof the Maſter and one of the Wardens for the time being to be alwaies two) ſhall ſeeme reaſonable, neceſſarie, meete and conuenient, for, touching or concerning the premiſſes, and for

Power to make lawes.

the better aduancement, performance and continuance of the ſame, and alſo for the better directing how and in what order and manner the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Cominaltie, and all other perſon and perſons vſing the ſaid Art or Myſterie within our ſaid Realme of England and Dominion of Wales, ſhall demeane and behaue themſelues, aſwell in all and ſinguler matters and things touching or concerning the ſaid functions, miniſteries, and buſineſſes touching or concerning the ſaid Art or Myſterie as aforeſaid, And the ſame lawes, orders, Articles, and conſtitutions ſo made or any of them to put in vre and execute accordingly, and at their will againe to reuoke, alter or change, when and as often as occaſion ſhall thereto require. *And our* further will and pleaſure is, And wee do by theſe preſents for vs, our heires and ſucceſſors, graunt and command, that whatſoeuer is or ſhall bee concluded and agreed vpon at any ſuch aſſembly or meeting of the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Art or Myſterie for the time being, or the greater part of them (whereof the Maſter and one of the Wardens for the time being to be alwaies two) and the ſame entred and regiſtred in ſome publique booke to be kept, for that purpoſe the ſame ſhall be holden as lawes, ordinances and ſtatutes, amongſt them to bee put in vre and execution, and ſhall binde all perſons of the ſaid Corporation, Art or Myſterie, & all Shipwrights and worke-men of that profeſſion, in any Place, Port, Hauen, or Towne within our ſaid Realme of England and Dominion of Wales, aſwell the ſubiects of the ſame our Realme and Dominions as ſtrangers, & aliens, for or during the time of their being, in or vpon any part of our ſaid Realme, Coaſts or Dominions, or any Creekes or Harbors of the ſame, to obſerue, obey and performe the ſame from time to time in all things, as the ſame ought to bee vpon the paines, penalties and puniſhments in the ſame, to be impoſed, inflicted and lymited. So alwaies as the ſaid lawes, ſtatutes, articles, orders, ordinances, paines,

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penalties, and puniſhments, and euery of them bee agreeable to reaſon and iuſtice, and not contrary or repugnant to the lawes, ſtatutes, rights or cuſtomes of this our Realme of England, nor derogatory to the Iuriſdictions and preheminences of the Lord High-Admirall of England, for the time being, or to the Court of Admiraltie of England or the Iudges Regiſter or Marſhall of that Court for the time being or any of them. *And wee* do further will and grant if any perſon or perſons whatſoeuer ſhall offend againſt any of the ſaid lawes, ſtatutes, ordinances ſo made or to be made as aforeſaid, or ſhall violate, tranſgreſſe or breake any of them. That then it ſhall and may be lawfull to and for the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Art or Myſterie for the time being, or the greater part of them (whereof the ſaid Maſter and one of the Wardens to be two) to impoſe and inflict all and ſinguler ſuch paines, penalties, puniſhments, fines and amerciaments, and forfetures, or any of them in the ſaid lawes, ſtatutes and ordinances limited vpon all and euery ſuch perſon or perſons ſo offending or tranſgreſſing the ſame, as they in iuſtice according to their wiſedomes and diſcretions, and the nature, quantitie and qualitie of the fault, ſhall thinke fit, and the ſame fines, penalties, amerciaments and forfaitures, or any of them in the ſaid lawes, ordinances, and ſtatutes, or any of them, or in their orders to be grounded thereupon, to be appointed and ſpecified of the offendors, and euery of them to aske, leauie, gather and receiue, and for default of paiment, that it ſhall and may be lawfull to and for the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Cominaltie to diſtraine the goods and chattels of ſuch offendor, and the ſame to keepe till they ſhall be ſatiſfied, or otherwiſe to bring their action for the ſame according to law. *And our* will and pleaſure is, That all and ſinguler fines, forfaitures, ſum and ſummes of money whatſoeuer or heereafter to be due, and receiued by reaſon of the ſaid decrees, orders or ordinances, ſhall be to the vſe

Offendors to be fined.

commodity and ſole benefit and behoofe of the ſaid Corporation without any account or other thing therefore to vs, our heires or ſucceſſors to be yeelded, paid, rendred, made or done in that behalfe, without any let, trouble, moleſtation or interruption of any perſon or perſons whatſoeuer for the ſame. *And wee haue* further of our more eſpeciall grace, certain knowledge, and meere motion giuen and granted, and by theſe preſents for vs, our heires and ſucceſſors doe giue and grant vnto the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Cominaltie, and to their ſucceſſors for euer. That it ſhall and may be lawfull to and for the ſaid Maſter and Wardens of the ſaid Art or Myſterie for the time being, by themſelues or by any their ſufficient deputie or deputies, Officer or Officers, or any other perſon or perſons by them for that purpoſe to be authoriſed or appointed by writing vnder their common ſeale, from time to time, & at al times hereafter in lawfull manner, to aske, leauie, haue, receiue and take in all and euery place and places within our ſaid Realme of England and Dominion of Wales, aſwell of euery Maſter workeman, ſhip-wright, or other perſon or perſons that ſhall heereafter make or build, or cauſe to be made or built any newe ſhip or ſhips, veſſell or veſſels of the burden of 100. Tunnes, or more or leſſe, all and ſinguler ſuch profits, dues, dueties, fees, allowances, ſum and ſummes of money whatſoeuer, after ſuch rate, and in ſuch manner and forme as at any time or times heeretofore, themſelues, their predeceſſors, by any name or names of Corporation by, vnder, or by force and vertue of any former Charter or Letters Patents to them or any of them giuen or graunted or by any other lawfull and reaſonable way or meanes haue or ought to haue receiued, had, taken or enioyed the ſame by way of tonnage, quarterage, poundage or otherwiſe, And alſo all and euery ſuch fines, amerciaments, penalties ſum and ſummes of money as ſhall be by force and vertue of theſe or Letters Patents, our any their lawes, orders, ordinances, ſtatutes or inſtitutions alreadie made or heere-

Power to leauie and recouer duties, fines, &c. by diſtreaſe or action of Det.

hereafter to be made, for the good gouernment of the ſaid company, aſſeſſed or impoſed vpon any perſon or perſons whatſoeuer, as ſhall offend or tranſgreſſe contrary to the true intent and meaning of the ſame, to the ſole vſe, benifit, and behofe of the ſaide company, without any accompt to be yeelded, made, or giuen, to vs our heires or ſucceſſors for the ſame. And if any perſon or perſons whatſoeuer, of the ſaide Art or Miſtery, ſhall at any time or times hereafter refuſe, deny, or neglect to ſatiſfie and paie all and euery ſuch dues, duties, alowances, fines, amerciamentes, penalties, ſum or ſummes of money as ſhal be ſo impoſed or aſſeſſed, or wherewith he or they ſhall be charged as aforeſaid vpon lawfull demaund thereof to him or them made, either by the ſaid Maiſter and Wardens for the time being, or any of them or any their deputie or deputies, officer or officers as aforeſaide. That then it ſhall and may be lawfull to and for the ſaid Maiſter and Wardens for the time being, or any of them, by themſelues or by their ſufficient deputy or deputies, officer or officers ſo authoriſed as aforeſaid, to enter and diſtraine any the goods or chattels of the perſon or perſons ſo offending, denying, or withholding the ſame, in any place or places whatſoeuer, where the ſame goods and chattles, or any of them ſhall or may be found, and the ſame to take, beare, and carry away, and with him or them to detaine and keepe for and to the vſe of the ſaid company, till ſuch fines, ſumme, or ſummes of money ſhall be fully ſatiſfied and paied, or otherwiſe that it ſhall and may be lawfull to and for the ſaid Maiſter Wardens, and Cominalty for the time being to ſue for and recouer the ſame dues, duties, alowances, fines, amerciaments, penalties, impoſitions, ſumme and ſums of mony, in any of our Court or Courts of record. By Accion of debt, bill, plaint, information, or by any other lawfull waies or meanes whatſoeuer. And theſe our Letters Pattents or the enrolment thereof ſhall be a ſufficient warrant in that behalfe, vnto the ſaide Maiſter Wardens, and Cominalty, and to all and euery their deputy and deputies,

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Restraint from discouery of the secrets of of the trade.

officer and officers, and to all and euery other person and persons whatsoeuer for the doing therof. *And* to the end that the secrets of the said Art or Mysterie and the manner of our English building and new making of Ships, Pinnaces, and other vessels, should for more strength and safety of our Realmes and Kingdomes be kept secret, to, and within our selues and our said Realmes and Dominions, and altogether vnknowne to aliens and strangers of other Nations, Our will and pleasure is, and wee doe by these presents for vs, our heires and successors, straightly charge and command that no person or persons whatsoeuer of the said Art or Mysterie of Ship-wrights, doe at any time or times heereafter, directly, or indirectly, by any waies or meanes whatsoeuer, presume, or attempt to discouer, or make knowne to any forrainer or stranger, not being a naturall borne subiect of vs, our heires or successors, or not being naturalized or indenized, nor to any other person or persons not being free and sworne of and to the saide corporation, nor being a seruant or apprentice to the saide art or mistery, the secretts of the said trade, art, or mistery, or the speciall manner of our English building or new making of Shippes, Pinnaces, or other vessells as aforesaid, nor to take any alien or stranger borne, being not naturalized or indenized to be his or their apprentice or seruant, vpon paine of our high displeasure, and of such further punishment as by the lawes and statutes of this Realme, or the ordinances and lawes, so made, or to bee made by the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants or the greater part of them as aforesaid, can or may bee inflicted vpon such offendor or offendors for the same. *And to* the end our will and pleasure heerein may be the better obserued and performed and the offendor punished, wee doe further by these presents giue and grant, for vs, our heires and successors to the said Master, Wardens, and Comminalty, and their successors. That if at any time heereafter, any person, or persons of the said Art or Mistery, shall offend in discouering the secrets of the said Trade, Art, or Mis-

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tery to any forrainer or ſtranger not beeing a naturall borne ſubiect of vs our heires or ſucceſſors, or otherwiſe naturalized and indenized as aforeſaid, or to any other perſon or perſons not beeing free and ſworne of the ſaid Corporation, or not beeing a ſeruant or apprentice of or to the ſaid Art or Myſterie, or ſhall take any alien or ſtranger borne to bee his or their apprentice or ſeruant contrary to this our ſaid command and the true intent and meaning of theſe preſents. That then, and ſo often, it ſhall & may be lawfull to and for the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants, or the greater part of them beeing aſſembled as aforeſaid, to impoſe vpon euery ſuch offendor a reaſonable fine according to the qualitie of his offence at the diſcreation of the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants or the more part of them, the ſame fine to be forfaited and paid by the perſon or perſons ſo offending, to the ſole benefit, vſe and behoofe of the ſaid Corporation, for the better mainteinance and vpholding of the ſame, and the releeuing of the poore of the ſaid Corporation. *And our* further will and pleaſure is. And wee doe by theſe preſents for vs, our heires and ſucceſſors of our more eſpeciall grace certain knowledge and meere motion, graunt to the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Cominaltie, and their ſucceſſors for euer, that it ſhall and may be lawfull to and for the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants, or the greater part of them, wherof the Maſter and one of the Wardens to bee alwaies two, to examine and puniſh by fine or ſuch other correction as the qualitie of the offence ſhall deſerue, and require, euery perſon which ſhall vnlawfully depart or goe away from his worke after he hath beene hired or agreed withall for wages before the time or times of his retainer or retainers be expired, or ſhall be found to grow mutinous ſtubborne, or diſobedient, or any waie a prouoker, inticer or ſeducer of any other to any mutinie or diſobedience, to the hurt or iniurie, or likely-hood of hurt or iniurie of the ſaid Corporation, or of the good gouernment and order therein, or of any ſeruice

Puniſhmẽt of ſuch as ſhall depart from their worke and be mutinous.

Hearing of complaints.

uice whatſoeuer, And alſo to examine, heare and order all and euery the complaints of or againſt any ſhip-wrights or other worke-men of the ſaid Corporation, Art, or profeſſion, or of or againſt any of his or their Iourney-men, apprentices or ſeruants. *And of our* more ample grace, certaine knowledge and meere motion, and for the better ſuppreſſing and reformation of the deceits and abuſes firſt aboue mentioned, wee will and haue giuen and graunted, and by theſe preſents for vs, our heires and ſucceſſors doe freely and abſolutely giue and graunt to the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Comminaltie of the Art and Myſterie of Ship-wrights of *Redrith* aforeſaid, and to their ſucceſſors for euer for the time being and to euery of them. That it ſhall and may be lawfull to and for the ſaid Maſter and Wardens or any two of them for the time being, and alſo to and for any two of the ſaid Aſſiſtants or other two perſons beeing skilfull, or which heereafter ſhall bee skilfull in the ſaid Art or Myſterie being theſeunto deputed and authoriſed by writing vnder the common Seale of the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Cominaltie, firſt taking his or their Corporall Oath or Oathes vpon the Euangeliſts, before the Maſter and Wardens, or any two of them for the due execution of their ſaid Offices or Places, which Oath wee doe by theſe preſents authoriſe the ſaid Maſter, and Wardens, or any two of them to miniſter and take accordingly at all conuenient time or times, taking with them if neede ſo require a Conſtable or any other his Maieſties Officer or Officers of the Citie, Towne or Place to ſearch, view and ſuruey all manner of timber, wood, and other ſtuffe prouided, prepared, and fitted for the building, making, or repairing of any Shippes, Pinnaces, or other veſſels in any place or places whatſoeuer within our Realme of England and Dominion of Wales, or in either of them. And alſo to ſearch, view, and ſuruey all and euery the workes and worke-man-ſhip of all and euery perſon and perſons whatſoeuer in making, working, building,

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or repairing or which heereafter ſhall make, worke, build, or repaire any manner of Ships, Pinnaces, boats, or other veſſels whatſoeuer within our ſaid Realme of England and Dominion of Wales or either of them, And that it ſhall and may be lawfulll to & for the ſaid Maſter & Wardens, or any two of them, or their deputies ſo auᵭhoriſed as aforeſaid, all and ſinguler Shippes, Pinnaces, Boates and other veſſels heereafter to be built, to view, ſearch and ſuruey, and ſuch of them whereof the timber-worke, at the time of ſuch ſearch, ſhall not be fully finiſhed, and which, at the time of ſuch ſearch, view, or ſuruey, ſo to be made as aforeſaid, ſhall be found to be inſufficiently, falſely, and deceitfully, made, wrought or repaired, as they muſt needes be by that meanes dangerous to ſuch as ſhall vſe or imploy them, to arreſt and ſtay vntill the ſame ſhall be reformed, amended, repaired, & made fit for Nauigation. *And our* further will and pleaſure is, that if the ſaid perſons before by theſe preſents auᵭhoriſed, to make ſuch ſearch as aforeſaid, or any of them ſhall happen to finde any ſappie wood, red-wood, or other inſufficient wood or timber, to be put into any Shippes, Pinnaces, or other veſſells, or hewen, wrought, & fitted for that purpoſe, That then the ſaid perſons or any of them ſhall forth-with charge and warne the makers or owners of ſuch Shippes, Pinnaces or other veſſells forthwith to take away the ſaid ſappy wood, red-wood, and other inſufficient wood and timber, and to ſupply the ſame with other ſufficient timber and wood. And if within conuenient time after ſuch charge and warning giuen as is aforeſaid, the ſaid ſappy wood, red-wood, and other inſufficient wood and timber be not taken away, and the ſame ſupplied with other good and ſufficient timber and wood as is aforeſaid. That then, it ſhall and may bee lawfull to and for the ſaid Maſter and Wardens, or any two of them, or any two of the ſaid Aſſiſtants, or any ſuch deputie or deputies as aforeſaid to take and deface all ſuch ſappy wood, and red-wood, and all and ſinguler ſuch other

timber and wood, which vpon any ſuch ſearch, and view, and after conuenient admonition and warning giuen to take the ſame away and to ſupply it with better and more ſufficient wood and timber, they ſhall finde to bee put in or apparantly intended to be put into any Ship, Pinnace, or other veſſell, or hewen, cut out, or wrought for that purpoſe, manifeſtly tending to the preiudice and damage of vs, our heires and ſucceſſors, or of any other our louing ſubiects, Marchants and Marriners, whoſe goods and liues are hazarded, & often loſt by reaſon of ſuch ill ſtuffe (the vſe of all which ſappy and red-wood & other inſufficient ſtuffe) we do hereby for vs, our heires and ſucceſſors, ſtraightly prohibit and reſtraine to be vſed or imployed in any ſort in or vpon any ſhippe or other veſſell. *And our* will and pleaſure is, and wee doe by theſe preſents, for vs our heires and ſucceſſors, grant vnto the ſaid Maiſter, Wardens, and Comminalty and to their ſucceſſors for the time being, That it ſhall and may bee lawfull to, and for, the ſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants for the time beeing, or the greater part of them, whereof the Maſter and one of the Wardens to bee alwaies two, to impoſe and inflict ſuch puniſhment vppon euery offendor in that behalfe, either by fine or impriſonment, or both of them, as by the lawes and ſtatutes of this Realme or by any lawes or ordinances, to bee made by the ſaid Corporation, as is aforeſaid, ſhall, or may bee impoſed or inflicted vppon them for their offence in that behalfe: Or otherwiſe, that the ſaid Maſter and Wardens or any two of them or ſuch other perſon or perſons, ſo authorized, as aforeſaid, and which vpon the ſearch ſhall find any of the deceipts and abuſes aforeſaid, ſhall complaine thereof to ſome Iuſtice or Iuſtices of the Peace, within the place or county where ſuch deceipts and abuſes ſhall bee found. *And wee* doe by theſe preſents, for vs, our heires, and ſucceſſors, ſtraightly charge and command, all, and euery our Iuſtice and Iuſtices, of the Peace whatſoeuer, to whom any ſuch complaint or complaints ſhall ſo bee made as is aforeſaid, that they and

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euery of them, ſhall by all good and lawfull waies and meanes examine and find out the truth of the ſaid complaints, abuſes and deceipts. And if vpon due examination thereof, they ſhall find that any ſuch abuſes and deceipts, haue beene commited as aforeſaid: That then they cauſe the party or parties, ſo offending, to be indited or otherwiſe puniſhed, for ſuch his, and their abuſes and deceipts, either before our Iuſtices of Peace, in the county where the ſame abuſes and deceipts ſhall be committed and found at their Seſſions of the Peace, or before the Iuſtices of Aſſize of the ſame county, or before any other lawfull Iudge or Iudges, to the end that the ſaid perſon, or perſons ſo offending, may receiue ſuch condigne puniſhment, as by the lawes and ſtatutes of this Realme can or may bee inflicted vpon him, or them, for his or their offence or offences, in that behalfe. *And our* will and pleaſure is, And wee doe by theſe preſents, for vs, our heyres and ſucceſſors, ſtraightly charge and command the ſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants, of the ſaid Art or Miſtery and their ſucceſſors, for the time beeing, that once in euery month at the leaſt, ſuch ſearch bee made as is aforeſaid, And that the authority heereby in that behalfe, to them giuen, be put in due execution, without any reſpect of perſons, or partiality whatſoeuer. *Prouided* alwaies neuertheles, and our will & pleaſure is, that neither the Maſter, nor Wardens, of the ſaid Art or Miſtery, for the time beeing, or any their Deputy or Deputies, ſo authorized to ſearch as is aforeſaid, ſhall not by coullor of theſe Letters Pattents, meddle with, or doe any thing to the hinderance, ſtay, or preuention of any Shippe, Pinnace, or other Veſſell that is or ſhall bee at the time of ſuch their ſearch as aforeſaid, ready to go forth for any intended voyage or iourney, or the Maſter, Owner, Marriner, Saylors, or other Officers of the ſame. Any thing in theſe preſents to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding. *And further* of our meere eſpeciall grace, certaine knowledge, and meere motion, wee doe by theſe preſents, for vs, our heires, and ſucceſſors, graunt vnto the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Commi-

Power to trade beyond the ſeas.

nalty, of the ſaid Art, or Miſtery of Ship-wrights of Redreth aforeſaid and their Succeſſors for the time beeing: That it ſhall and may bee lawfull to, and for all and euery perſon and perſons, lawfully vſing or exercizing, or which heereafter ſhall lawfully vſe, or exercize the ſaid Art or Miſtery, by themſelues, their ſeruants, or Deputies at any times heereafter, to buy and prouide in any the places beyond the ſeas, all ſuch timber, Plancks, Maſts, Deales, Sparres, wood and wooden ſtuffe, and alſo all Pitch, Tarre, Rozen, and Oyle as they ſhall thinke neceſſary or conuenient, for the building, reparing, grauing, or fitting of Shippes, Pinaces, or other Veſſels, and the ſame ſo bought, and prouided, ſhall and may from time to time, for euer heereafter, bring or cauſe to bee brought into this our Realme of England and Dominion of Wales or any part or place thereof, and the ſame diſcharge, and lay on Land, paying to vs, our heires and ſucceſſors the full cuſtome, poundage, and other dueties due, or which heereafter ſhall bee due to vs, our heires or ſucceſſors, Any Law, Statute, Cuſtome, Proclamation, or any other matter, cauſe or thing to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Surueying of Tonnage

And whereas for the better mainteinance of Nauigation, and incouragement of our louing ſubiects, to increaſe ſhipping within this our Realme, there is and hath bin of ancient time an allowance giuen by vs, and our predeceſſors of fiue ſhillings ſterling, for euery Tunne of any new builded Ship to be rated according to the burden of the ſaid ſhip, ſo as the ſaid ſhip did containe in burden one hundred Tonnes or vpwards in Tonnes and tonnage, which laudable cuſtome wee being pleaſed to continue, and finding it alſo conuenient aſwell for the auoiding of abuſes that might be offered in rating and ſetting downe the tonnage of the ſaid ſhips and otherwiſe, as alſo that the builder might haue his right and due allowance of tonnage, to appoint ſome perſon or perſons of knowledge and experience, for the ſurueying and ouerſeeing of the true rates and tonnage in that behalfe, Wee did by our Letters Patents vnder

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the great Seale of England, bearing date the 24. day of Aprill, in the third yeare of our raigne, giue and graunt to *Iohn Grent* gentleman, for and during his naturall life the Office and place of Surueyour of the tonnage and burden of all new builded Shippes of the burden aboue mentioned or vpwards, from time to time within this our Realme of England, together with the wages and fee of twelue pence by the day of lawfull money of England, for the exerciſing of the ſaid Office or place, together with all and ſinguler other Fees, profits, commodities and allowances whatſoeuer to the ſame place or Office in any wiſe due, incident or appertaining, with a Prouiſo or clauſe therein mentioned, that the ſaid *Iohn Grent* in the rating and ſetting down of the tonnage & burden of the ſaid new builded ſhips from time to time ſhould vſe the aduice and aſſiſtance of one of our ſhip-wrights to be nominated and appointed by our High Admirall of England for the time being, And that all and euery ſuch bill and bills of tonnage as ſhould be preſented to vs, to be ſigned for the ſaid allowance of fiue ſhillings vpon euery Tonne of the burden of the ſaid Ships ſhould be firſt allowed vnder the hand of the ſaid Surueyour, and ſigned by the ſaid Admirall or his deputie for the time being as hath beene accuſtomed. *And* whereas by our Letters Patents, bearing date the 28. daie of Ianuary, in the fourth yeare of our Raigne wee did graunt, or mention to graunt vnto *Humfrey Iobſon* gent. for and during his naturall life the Reuerſion of the ſaid Office or place of Surueyor of the tonnage and burden of all new builded ſhips of the burden of one hundred Tonnes, aboue mentioned, or vpwards from time to time, within our Realme of England next after the death, forfaiture or ſurrendor of the ſaid *Iohn Grent*, together with the wages and fee of twelue pence a day for the exerciſing of the ſaid office, place, and all, and ſinguler other Fees, profits, commodities and allowances whatſoeuer to the ſame place or office in any wiſe due, incident or appertaining As in, and by the ſaid two ſeuerall

rall Letters Pattens more at large appeareth. *And whereas* of late we haue bin much wronged, defrauded, and abuſed, in that ſundry of the ſaid ſhippes for want of exact viewing, ſurueying, and meaſuring, haue beene ouer-rated in their burthen and tonnage, wherby wee haue beene charged with the payment of a greater allowance, then in truth wee ought to haue beene. *Know yee* therefore, that we repoſing a ſpeciall truſt and confidence, in the faithfulneſſe, experience, care, and honeſt and true circumſpection of the Maſter, Wardens and Comminalty, of the ſaid Art, or Miſtery of Ship-wrights. And to the end, that we, our heires, and ſucceſſors, may not at any time from henceforth, in like ſort be defrauded, wronged, or abuſed, do of our ſpeciall grace, certaine knowledge, and meere motion, giue and graunt to the ſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Comminalty, and to their ſucceſſors for euer, the office, function, and place of Surueyour of the tonnage and burthen, of all new builded Ships of the burthen of an hundred tonnes aboue mentioned or vpwards from time to time, within this our Realme of England, Together with the ſaid wages and fee of twelue pence by the day, and all other fees, proffits, commodities, and allowances whatſoeuer, to the ſaid office, or place in any wiſe due, belonging, incident or appertaining, And them the ſaid Maſter, Wardens, and comminalty and their ſucceſſors wee doe by theſe preſents, for vs, our heires, and ſucceſſors, nominate, ordaine, make and appoynt Surueyours of the tonnage and burthen of all new builded Shippes from time to time, within this our Realme of England, and Dominion of Wales. *To haue, hold*, exerciſe, and enioy the ſaid office, function, and place, and alſo, to haue, receiue, and perceiue, the ſaid wages and fee of twelue pence by the day, immediately when, and from, and after ſuch time, as the Eſtate and intereſt, Eſtates and interreſts graunted or mentioned to be graunted to the ſaid *Iohn Grent*, and *Humfrey Iobſon* reſpectiuely, by death, ſurrender, forfeiture, or other occaſion, cauſe, or meanes whatſoener is, are, or ſhall bee voyde, ended, or determined, and whenſoeuer

euer the ſaid office or place ſhall firſt happen, or become void vnto the ſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Cominaltie, and to their ſucceſſors for euer. And for the better and more exact examination, iudging and finding out from hence forth of the true burden and tonnage of euery Ship, and veſſell, that is or ſhallbe capable of, or intended to haue or require the ſaid alowance. Wee doe hereby for vs our heires and ſucceſſors ordaine, decree, grant, limit, and appoynt, and alſo ſtraightly charge and commaund the ſaid Maſter and Wardens for the time being, by themſelues or their deputies, being honeſt, ſkilfull, and ſufficient perſons, as well to goe on bord euery ſuch ſhipp and veſſell, and there to view and decerne whether ſhee be ſufficiently and ſubſtancially built, as is fit and required in that behalfe, that is to ſay with two Orlops at conunnient diſtance, ſtrong to carry ordnance aloft and a lowe with her fore-caſtell and halfe deck cloſe for feight. As alſo to cauſe euery ſuch Shipp and veſſell to be brought on ground, and by, from, and according to an exact meaſure taken of her length, breadth depth, & draught, in water ſo to rate and ſett downe the true burden and tonnage thereof, and to certifie the ſame by Letters teſtimoniall, vnder the common ſeale of the ſaid Corporation, and the hands of the ſaid Maſter and Wardens of the ſaid Art or Myſtery for the time being, as they will euer after be ready vpon their oaths & aleagiance to approue the ſame. *And* our will & pleaſure is, and wee doe by theſe preſents for vs, our heires and ſucceſſors ſtraightly prohibit, charge and command that no perſon or perſons whatſoeuer ſhall or may at any time or times hereafter be capable of, or preſume to take, receiue or demand the ſaid alowance of fiue ſhillings a tonne as aforeſaid, vntill ſuch due meaſuring, rating, & certificat be firſt had & made as aforeſaid. *Willing* and requiring as well our Lord High Treſurer, and Lord High Admirall of England, & our Treſurer & Chancellor of our Exchequor: as alſo the ſaid *John Grent*, and *Humfrey Iobſon*, and all other perſons whome it may concerne to take notice of our wil and pleaſure in this behalfe.

Any former grant, prouiſion, limitation, cuſtome, or vſage, to the contrary heereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding. *And moreouer* for the better maintaining, ſtrengthning, and vpholding of the ſaid corporation, and the ſuppreſſing, and reformming, as well of the manifould errors, deceiptes, and abuſes, practized in the ſaid profeſſion, art, and myſtery, as alſo of the diſorders, and miſdemeanors of diuers wilfull, ſtuborne, and diſobedient perſons of the ſaid profeſſion, Art, or Myſtery, which can very hardly by any other meanes be redreſſed, reſtrained, or reformed, and for the better continuing, ſetling, and eſtabliſhing of good orders, diſcipline, and gouernment amongſt them, for the eſpeciall good of our owne ſeruice, and the generall benefit of all our louing ſubiects, as well Marchants as others, wee doe of our more ample grace, certaine knowledge, and meere motion, for vs our heires and ſucceſſors, giue and grant to the ſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Co[illegible], and their ſucceſſors for euer by theſe preſents. That if any perſon or perſons now practizing, vſing, or profeſſing, or which hereafter ſhall practiſe, vſe, or profeſſe the ſaid Art, or Myſtery, or any thing therevnto appertaining, ſhall wilfully or obſtinately oppoſe, or reſiſt the order, rule and gouernment of the ſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtantes of the ſaid Art or Myſtery for the time being, or ſhall refuſe to obey, or to ſubmit him, or themſelues to this our Charter, or Letters Pattents, and to ſuch wholſome lawes, orders, ordinances, and inſtitutions as are or ſhall be made by force and vertue thereof as aforeſaid, tending to the good ſeruice of vs and our common-wealth, and to the good eſtate and preſeruation of the ſaid Art or Miſtery, or ſhall not well and honeſtly carry, behaue, and demeane him, and themſelues towardes the Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Art or Miſtery, for the time being, and their deputy or deputies or other inferior officers reſpectiuely, according to the true intent and meaning of theſe preſents, but after due and conuenient warning, notice, or admonition giuen to him or them in that behalfe ſhall ſtill wilfully and obſtinate-

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ly perſiſt, perſeuere, or continue in any wilfull, ſtuborne, obſtinate, or diſobedient courſe, tending to the hurt and preiudice of vs, our heires and ſucceſſors, or any our louing ſubiects, or the order rule and gouernment aforeſaid, either by inſufficient, negligent, or deceitfull working, or not performing of his or their duties, or by purloyning, imbeazling of ſtuffe, or by vnlawfull and diſorderly departure from his or their worke, after he or they haue bene hired and ſuch like, or ſhall doe or commit any act or acts directly or indirectly to the preiudice or hindrance of the ſaid Corporation, or the good eſtate and procedings thereof, either by wilfull abſenting him or themſelues from the Common-Hall, and meeting vpon due warning, or by deniall of ordinary and iuſt duties, or ſhall by mutinies, combinations, conſpiracies, or any ſuch like wicked or vnlawfull courſe, or practiſe, perſiſt, or continue in the wilfull breach, neglect, or contempt of this our Charter, or any thing herein contained, or any law, ordinance, or inſtitution, made by force of theſe preſents. That then in all and euery or any of theſe caſes before mencioned, it ſhall and may be lawfull to and for the ſaid Maſter, Wardens, and aſſiſtants, or any three of them, whereof the Maſter and one of the Wardens to be alwaies two, ſeuerally to correct and puniſh ſuch offendor or offendors according to the quantity and quallity of his or their offence or offences, according to the lawes and ordinances of the ſaid Corporation, and according to the lawes and ſtatutes of the realme in that behalfe reſpectiuely. *And* whereas the greateſt number of the workmen and other perſons imployed in the trades aforeſaid are ſoe very pore and nedy, and of meane condition as no pecuniary mulct can take hold of them, and likewiſe ſo rude and diſordered as noe ordinary or ciuill cenſure can moue them to yeelde obedience to rule or gouernment. And therefore ſome ſharpe and ſeuere coertion and conſtraint muſt neceſſarily be vſed towards them in many caſes. Therefore our will and pleaſure is, and wee doe by theſe preſentes will and ordaine: That if any perſon

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ſon or perſons now vſing, or which ſhall hereafter vſe or exerciſe, within the ſaid realme of England, or dominion of Wales, the ſaid Art, Trade, or Miſtery of Ship-wrights, or other the workes or trades aforeſaid ſhall obſtinately reſiſt and withſtand the gouernment of the ſaid Maiſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants, or their lawfull deputy or deputies, and ſhall after admonition and warning giuen vnto them, or any of them in that behalfe wilfully perſiſt in ſuch diſobedient courſe either by deceitfull working or by vnlawfull departure from, after they haue bene hired, or within the time or times of their retainor, or ſhall by combination, conſpiracies, or other vnlawfull practiſes, ſeeke to ouerthrow, deſtroy, and bring into contempt the powers, preuiledges, and authorities by theſe preſents giuen and granted to the ſaid Maiſter, Wardens, and Cominalty, and their ſucceſſors for the vniuerſall benifit and good of our ſaid Realme, dominion and ſubiects. That then, or in ſuch caſes, the Lord Admirall of England for the time being, vpon complaint and proſe therof made to him, ſhall take the body or bodies of all and euery ſuch notorious offendors and keepe them vnder arreſt, vntill they ſhall conforme themſelues, and reforme what they haue done amiſſe as aforeſaide. *And forſ much*, as a great part of the ſaid Art or Myſtery are continually for the moſt part imploied, and attendant vpon the ſeruice and nauigation of vs our heires and ſucceſſors. *We* therefore of our eſpeciall grace, doe will and grant for vs our heires and ſucceſſors. That the ſaide Maiſter, Wardens and Cominalty, or any of them, or their, or any of their ſucceſſors ſhall not at any time or times hereafter be informed, put, placed, or impannelled in or vpon any Aſſizes, Iuries, Inqueſts, or attaintes whatſoeuer, before any Iudges, Iuſtices, or Commiſſioners of vs, our heires or ſucceſſors out of the Citties, Townes, Boroughs, Pariſhes or places where they or any of them doe or ſhall happen to dwell, vnleſſe they haue lands or tenements lying out of the ſaid Citties, Townes, Boroughs, Pariſhes or places, by reaſon whereof they or any of them.

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them ought to be charged, nor ſhall at any time be preſſed or inforced toſerue vs our heires or ſucceſſors as Land-ſoldiers, but doe abſolutely and freely diſcharge them and euery of them from any ſuch ſeruice and attendance. *And* wee doe further by theſe preſents, for vs our heires and ſucceſſors ſtraightly charge and commaund all and euery Sheriffes, Bailiffes, and other officers of vs our heires and ſucceſſors that they & every of them doe from time to time forbeare to put or impanel any of the ſaid Maiſter, Wardens, and Cominalty, or any their deputies or apprentiſes, in or vpon any ſuch Iuries, or inqueſts as is aforeſaid, contrary to our ſaid meaning & intent, vpon paine of our diſpleaſure, & of ſuch paines, penalties, and impriſonments as by the lawes of this our Realme can or may be inflicted or impoſed vpon them or any of them for their contempt, in doing contrary to our royall pleaſure and commandment in that behalfe. *And whereas* the Maſter, Wardens, and Cominalty of the ſaid Art or Miſtery of Ship-wrights of Redrith aforeſaid, and their and euery of their deputies and apprentiſes being continually for the moſt part charged and chargeable to be ready and prouided at an howers warning vpon diuers ſeruices and imployments as well at the Sea, for the neceſſity, defence, and ſafety of our realmes and kingdomes, and for the uſe and imployment of our Marchants for continuance and increaſe of trade and commerce with forraine Nations, for the benifit and profit of vs and our ſubiects, as alſo to giue attendance within our Kingdomes for the new building, repairing, and trimming as well of the Shippes, Pinnaces, and veſſels of vs, our heires & ſucceſſors, as alſo of the Ships, Pinnaces, and veſſels of our Marchants and ſubiects. Therefore our will and pleaſure is. That if it ſhall hapen the ſaid Maiſter, Wardens, and Comminalty, or other perſons, which by the true intent and meaning hereof are and ought to be diſcharged from ſuch ſeruice vpon Iuries or Inqueſts, ſhall by Sheriffes, Bailiffes or other officers, ignorantly or wilfully be put and impannelled to ſerue vpon Iuries, and Enqueſts, contrary to our

true intent and meaning, in that behalfe, in certaine our former Letters Pattents graunted, and alſo in theſe preſents renued. And that any of the ſaid perſons beeing abſent from their houſes, and places of habitation, at ſuch times as they were, or ſhall bee ſommoned or warned to appeare vpon any ſuch Iuries or enqueſts, could not, nor cannot plead or alleadge the ſaid former Letters Pattents nor theſe preſents, or the priueledges and authorities hereby giuen and granted vnto them, for their diſcharge in that behalfe, whereby diuers iſſues, fines, and amercements are many times returned againſt them, contrary to our true intent and meaning: *Wee* doe therefore graunt for vs, our heires and ſucceſſors, vnto the ſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Comminalty, and their ſucceſſors for euer: That if any iſſues, fines, and amercements ſhall be returned, forfeited or impoſed by, or vppon any of the ſaid perſon or perſons of the ſaid Corporation, Trade, Art, or Miſtery, for or in reſpect of not doing, or not performing of any of the ſaid ſeruices or other things whereof they are hereby exempted or freed, or mentioned to be exempted or freed: That then the ſame perſon or perſons, his, or their heires, executors, adminiſtrators and aſſignes and euery of them, and all his and their landes, tenements, goods, and chattels ſhall be for euer freed and diſcharged of and from the ſame iſſues, fines, and amerciaments, and euery of them. *And* wee doe require and commaund the Barons of our Eſchequer that in reſpect of the pouerty of many that are to be releeued in this caſe, they giue them all expedition and eaſe in the proceedings and pleading for their diſcharge in that behalfe. *And becauſe* this Corporation of Ship-wrights hath bin principally inſtituted & made for the mainteinance and encreaſe of Nauigation and for the better and more ſubſtantiall making, building and repairing of ſhips, and alſo for the trayning vp & inſtructing of Ship-wrights, Ship-carpenters, labourers, and workemen to make them more ready, able and skilfull for ſeruice, All which things do very greatly concerne the defence, ſafety, wealth and profit of our ſelfe, our

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Kingdomes and ſubiects. Therefore wee doe not onely ſtraightly charge and command all and euery perſon and perſons which are or ſhall be of the Cominaltie of this Corporation. That they doe dutifully ſubmit themſelues to ſuch good and wholeſome lawes, ſtatutes and ordinances as ſhall be heereafter ordained and made by vertue of theſe Letters Patents for the gouernment, rule, order and direction of this Corporation, and of all the members thereof, But wee doe alſo ſtraightly require, charge and command all Maſters, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants, deputies and other the principall Officers of this incorporation now being, and that heereafter ſhall bee. That they and euery of them in their ſeuerall Offices and places, doe carefully, diligently and circumſpectly looke to the due and ſeuere execution of all ſuch lawes, ſtatutes, and ordinances ſo to be made as aforeſaid, that the ſame may be truely performed and accompliſhed according to the tenor and true meaning of the ſame, vpon paine of our heauy diſpleaſure and indignation and of ſuch puniſhment and impriſonment as by our lawes may be inflicted on them and euery or any of them, wherein our meaning is to extend the greater puniſhment vpon ſuch as hauing offices and places of truſt and charge committed vnto them, ſhall by wilfulneſſe, negligence, remiſneſſe, partialitie, or otherwiſe offend themſelues, or ſuffer others to offend in thoſe things, whereof they ought to bee the reformers and redreſſers, and at whoſe hands wee expect to receiue and haue amendement and reformation of all offences that ſhall bee committed by any others in that behalfe. *And foraſmuch* as the pouertie of Ship-wrights and perſons belonging to the ſaid Corporation is now much more increaſed then in former times, and not able to be releeued, ſupported and maintained, by the duties and reuenues of the ſaid Corporation which heertofore they haue had, or were enabled to haue, being ſo ſmall in yeerely value. Therefore, and to the end, the ſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Comminalty and their Succeſſors, may bee

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bee from henceforth the better enabled, from time to time to beare and ſuſtaine their charges and expences drawne, and occaſioned by reaſon of the Corporation, and to releeue and maintaine the poore of the ſame, wee haue of our more eſpeciall grace, certaine knoledge, and meere motion, giuen and graunted, and by theſe preſents, for vs, our heires, and ſucceſſors, doe giue and graunt vnto the ſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Comminalty, of the ſaid Art, or Miſtery of Ship wrights of Redrith aforeſaid, and to their ſucceſſors, eſpeciall licence, and free and lawfull faculty, power and authority, that they, & their ſucceſſors for euer, ſhall and may, not onely haue, receiue, and purchaſe to them, and their ſucceſſors for euer, to their owne proper vſe and behoofe, as well of vs, our heires, and ſucceſſors, as of any other perſon or perſons whatſoeuer, Mannours, Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, Rectories, Tithes, Rents, Reuerſions, Seruices, and other Hereditaments whatſoeuer, which are not held of vs, our heires, and ſucceſſors, in chiefe, or by Knights ſeruice, nor of any other by Knights ſeruice. So alwaies that the ſame Manours, Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, Rectories, Tithes, Rents, Reuerſions, or Hereditaments, by the ſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Comminalty, or their ſucceſſors, ſo to bee receiued, purchaſed, obtained, or had as aforeſaid, doe not exceed the cleare yeerly value of forty pound by the yeere, aboue all charges, deductions and reprizes. The Statute of Lands & Tenements, not to bee put in Mortmaine, or any other Statute, Act, or Ordinance, prouiſion, reſtraint, or any other matter, cauſe, or thing whatſoeuer to the contrary notwithſtanding. *And further* wee haue giuen and graunted, And by theſe preſents for vs, our heires and ſucceſſors, wee doe giue and graunt ſpecial licence, and ful & free power & authority to any and euery of the ſubiects of vs, our heires and ſucceſſors, and to all and euery body and bodies Corporate and Politique, and other perſon and perſons whatſoeuer, and to euery of them; That they and euery of them, ſhall and may, giue, graunt, bequeath, aſſigne, or by any wayes or meanes whatſoeuer, alien,

alien, deuize, or aſſure vnto the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and comminalty, and to their ſucceſſors for euer, any Mannours, Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, Rectories, Tithes, Rents, Reuerſions, Seruices, and other Hereditaments whatſoeuer, which are not held of vs, our heires, or ſucceſſors in chiefe, or by Knights ſeruice, or of any other by Knights ſeruice, So that the ſame Mannours, Lands, Tenements, and other the premiſſes ſo as aforeſaid to bee giuen, graunted, aſſigned, or deuiſed, doe not exceed in the whole, the cleare yeerely value of forty pound *per annum* aboue all charges, deductions and reprizes: The Statute of Lands and Tenements, not to bee put in Mortmaine, or any other Act, Statute, Ordinance, Prouiſion or reſtraint, or any other matter, cauſe or thing whatſoeuer to the contrary notwithſtanding. *And finally* we doe by theſe preſents, for vs, our heires and ſucceſſors, ſtraightly charge and command, Aſwell the Lord Admirall of England for the time beeing, and alſo the Iudge of our Admiralty and principall Officers of our Nauy, and al Viz. Admirals, Marſhals, Sergeants, and other officers of our Admiralty, As alſo the Lord Mayor of our Citie of London, and the Sheriffes, Iuſtices, Conſtables, and other officers, and miniſters of the ſaid Citie for the time being, And alſo the ſeuerall Mayors of our Cities of Briſtoll and Rocheſter, and of our ſeuerall Townes of Yarmouth, Plymouth, Dartmouth, Ipſwich, Southampton, Woodbridge, Hull, and Newcaſtell, reſpectiuely for the time being, And all other Mayors, Sheriffes, Iuſtices of Peace, Bayliffes, Conſtables and other officers and miniſters of vs, our heires and ſucceſſors whatſoeuer within our ſaid Realme of England and Dominion of Wales, That they and euery of them be from time to time and at all times heereafter helping, aiding, and aſſiſting to the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Cominalty, and to their ſucceſſors and to euery or any of them for the time being, and to euery of their deputie or deputies, Officer or Officers for the time being for euer, aſwell in and for ſuch ſearch, view, and ſuruey ſo to bemade as aforeſaid, As

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alſo for and in the execution of all and ſinguler graunts, ordinances, lawes, conſtitutions and orders heerein contained, or heereafter vpon, or by vertue of theſe preſents to be made allowed and approued in all things, according to the true intent and meaning of the ſame, vpon paine of our high diſpleaſure, and as they will anſwere the contrary. *And theſe* our Letters Patents or the Inrolement thereof ſhall be good and effectuall in the Lawe to the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Cominalty, and their ſucceſſors, to all intents, conſtructions and purpoſes, againſt vs, our heires and ſucceſſors for euer. Any Act of Parliament, ſtatute, Law, Prouiſion, Proclamation, reſtraint, or other matter, cauſe, or thing whatſoeuer to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding. *Prouided* alwaies that theſe our Letters Patents, or any thing therein contained, ſhall not in any wiſe extend or be conſtrued to extend or be preiuditiall to our Cinque-Ports, or to the liberties or members of the ſame or any of them, or to any Iuriſdiction, power or authority of the Lord-warden of the Cinque-Ports for the time being, which hee hath, or in any wiſe or ſort hee ought, or may lawfully vſe, exerciſe or claime, to or with the office of the Lord-warden of the Cinque-Ports, or of any other office or offices, belonging, incident or appertaining to the ſaid office of Lord-warden of the Cinque-Ports. Any graunt, power, priuiledge, matter or thing, before in theſe preſents contained to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding. *Although* expreſſe mention of the true yearely valew or certenty of the premiſſes or of any of them, or of any other gifts or graunts by vs or any of our Progenitors or Predeceſſors to the ſaid Maſter, Wardens, & Cominaltie, before theſe times made in theſe preſents is not made. Or any ſtatute, act, ordinance, prouiſion, Proclamation or reſtraint before this time had made, ſet forth, ordained, or prouided, or any other thing, matter or cauſe whatſoeuer to the contrary notwithſtanding. *In wuttneſſe* whereof wee haue cauſed theſe our Letters to be made Patents. Witneſſe our ſelfe at Weſtmin-

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ſter the ſixt day of May in the 10. yeare of our Raigne of England, France and Irland, and of Scotland the fiue and fortieth.

TO *all Chriſtian people* to whom theſe preſents ſhall come *Thomas Lord Elleſmere* Lord Chauncellor of England, Sir *Thomas Flemming* Knight Lord cheef Iuſtice of England, and Sir *Edward Coke* knight Lord cheefe Iuſtice of his Maieſties Court of Common Plees, Send greeting in our Lord God euerlaſting. *Whereas* in a certaine Act or Statute in the Parliament holden at Weſtminſter the fiue and twentieth day of Ianuary in the Nineteenth yeare of the Raigne of the late king of famous memory *Henry*, after the conqueſt the ſeauenth, made and ordained for the weale and profit of the ſubiects, it was amongſt other things ordained, eſtabliſhed and enacted, that no Maſter and Wardens and fellowſhip of Crafts or Miſteries or any of them, no rulers of guildes or fraternities ſhould take vpon them to make any Acts or ordinances, ne to execute any Acts or ordinances by them theretofore made in diſinheritance or diminution of the Kinges Prerogatiue or of others, nor againſt the common profit of the people, but if the ſame Acts and ordinances were examined and approued by the Chancellor, or Treaſorer of England, or cheefe Iuſtice of either Bench, or three of them, or elſe before the two Iuſtices of Aſsiſes in their Circuit or Progreſſe in the Shire where ſuch Acts or ordinances be made vpon paine or forfaiture of xl. li. for euery time that they doe the contrary. As by the ſaid Act of Parliament doth and may appeare. *Know you* now that *Phinees Pett* Maſter of the Art or Myſterie of Ship-wrights of *Redrith* in the County of Surrey, and *William Bright*, *Nicholas Symonſon* and *Nicholas Clay* now Wardens of the ſaid Art or Myſterie, with the whole Aſſent and conſent of the Aſſiſtants of the ſame, willing and deſiring the ſaid Act of Parliament in all and euery thing to be duely obſerued and kept, the twentieth day of Iuly, in the yeare of the Raigne of our Soueraigne Lord *Iames* by the grace of God King of

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England, France and Ireland, defendor of the faith &c. the tenth, and of Scotland the fiue and fortieth, haue exhibited to vs a certaine Petition containing diuers Articles, Acts and ordinances for the better order, rule and gouernment of the ſaid Art or Myſterie of Shipwrights, and of the perſon and perſons now practiſing and profeſſing, or which heereafter ſhall practiſe or profeſſe the ſaid Art or Myſterie, or any thing thereunto appertaining, dwelling, and inhabiting, or which heereafter ſhall dwell and inhabit within the Realme of England, or Dominion of Wales, and for the Common weale and conſeruation of the good eſtate of the ſaid Art or Myſterie of Shipwrights, And haue inſtantly deſired vs, that wee all and euery their Acts and ordinances heereafter mentioned by them to vs exhibited, would examine and approue, and them and euery of them to correct and amend in due and conuenient manner and forme, as the ſaid recited Act of Parliament requireth. *Wee well perceiuing* and conſidering their ſaid ſupplication to be good and acceptable according to their ſaid deſires, and by the authoritie of the ſaid Act of Parliament to vs giuen all and euery their Acts and ordinance ſo to vs exhibited haue ſeene read & wel vnderſtood, and all and euery of them examined, corrected and reformed, the tenor whereof heereafter followeth, *viz.*

Election of Auditors. *Inprimis* it is ordained that vppon the day of election of new Maſter and Wardens of the ſaid Corporation the ſame Maſter and Wardens ſo to be elected, ſhall chooſe foure perſons, whereof two to be of the Aſſiſtants, and the other two to bee of the better ſort of the Cominaltie of the ſaid Art or Myſterie who are not Aſſiſtants who haue called the *Auditors* of the ſaid Company for the Accompts and reckonings of all ſuch Officers and Accompts of the ſaid Art or Myſterie, are, or ought to be Accomptable for or concerning any money, goodes, plate, profits or other things belonging or appertaining to the ſaid companie of the ſaid Art or Myſterie, To continue in the ſaid place for

for the ſpace of one yeare after ſuch election, and if any of them dye or be remoued, another or others to be choſen in his or their roome or roomes. Which Accompts and reckonings by them ſo taken and allowed, ſhall be deliuered to the Clearke of the ſaid Company to be fairely entred into a booke of remembrance, to be prouided and kept of purpoſe, for which hee is to haue ſuch reaſonable allowance as the ſaid Auditors or two of them ſhall thinke fitte. And whoſoeuer ſhall refuſe the ſaid Office of *Auditor* beeing thereunto elected, ſhall forfait and pay to the Maſter and Wardens of the ſaid Art or Myſtery for euery time ſo refuſing to the vſe of the ſaid Corporation the ſumme of forty ſhillings of lawfull money of England.

2

Election of Stewards.

Item it is ordained that the ſaid Maſter and Wardens vpon their ſaid Election day ſhall chooſe and appoint two ſufficient perſons of the ſaid Corporation not beeing of the Aſſiſtants, which ſhall be called the *Stewards*, Aſwell for the making and prouiding of the Dinner and Feaſt for the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants, and better ſort of the Companie vpon the ſaid election day, As alſo vpon their Quarter daies when there ſhall be a meeting for the diſpoſing of buſineſſes and affaires concerning the ſaid Corporation. And whoſoeuer ſhall refuſe or neglect the execution of the ſaid place of Steward, being thereunto elected, ſhall for euery time ſo refuſing, forfait and pay to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens, to the vſe of the ſaid Corporation Fortie ſhillings of lawfull money of England.

3

The company to heare a ſermon vp on the election day.

Item it is ordained that euery perſon of the ſaid Corporation vpon warning giuen by the Beadle or any other for that purpoſe appointed, ſhall yearely from henceforth vpon the day of Election of new Maſter and Wardens Aſſemble themſelues together at their Common Hall at *Redrith* aforeſaid, and from thence in a decent manner,

ſhall accompanie the ſaid new Maſter and Wardens too and from the parriſh Church to heare a Sermon, where they ſhall continue from the begining to the end thereof. And euery perſon ſo warned, and making default, not hauing a lawful and reaſonable excuſe, ſhall forfaict and pay to the ſaid Maiſter and Wardens, to the vſe of the ſaid Corporation, for euery ſuch offence fiue ſhillings of lawfull money of England.

4

For prouiding a dinner vpon the election day.

Item it is ordayned that vpon the ſaid election day, the old Maſter and Wardens ſhall make and prouide a conuenient dinner to the New Maſter and Wardens then elected, and to ſuch of the better ſort of the company as ſhall be warned or inuited thereunto, towards the charge whereof euery perſon ſo inuited of the company ſhall pay two ſhillings of lawfull money of England. Aud whoſoeuer being lawfully warned commeth not, ſhall notwithſtanding pay the ſaid two ſhillings, which if it be denied or deferred to be paide vpon demaund, the party deferring ſhall forfaicte to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens for euery ſuch deniall three ſhillings fower pence of lawfull Engliſh money.

5

Election of Beadles.

Item it is ordained that the ſaid Maſter and Wardens and two of the ſaid Aſſiſtants for the time being, at the leaſt, ſhal from time to time, ſo often as to them ſhall ſeem meet & conuenient to elect and chooſe one or moe honeſt perſon or perſons to be their honeſt Beadle or Beadles, who ſhall be at all times attendaunt vpon the ſaid Maſter and Wardens, & be at their lawful commandements. As well to ſummon & warne all perſons of the ſaid Corporation, and to make returne of their anſwers, as alſo concerning all other affaires of the ſaid Corporation wherein there ſhal be cauſe to imploy him or them.

6

For hauing a Cheſt with foure lockes and keyes.

Item it is ordayned that the Maſter and Wardens of the ſaid Art or Miſtery, ſhall at all times hereafter haue one ſubſtantiall Cheſt with fower ſeuerall lockes, and keies for the ſafe keeping of all moneys, Plate, goods, Letters par-

pattents, euidences, ordinances, accomptes and writinges to the ſaid Corporation belonging, or appertayning. Which fower keyes ſhall alwaies bee and remaine in the ſeuerall cuſtodies of the ſaid Maſter and Wardens for the time being, who ſhall be all preſent at euery opening of the ſaid Cheſt. And if any by neceſſary occaſion ſhall be letted that he cannot be then preſent, hee ſhall appoint one of the Aſſiſtance to take his keye and ſupply his rome in his abſence.

7

Item it is ordayned that the ſaid Maiſter, and Wardens, or any three or two of them, or any two or more of the aſſiſtants, or any their deputy or deputies ſhal once euery month or oftner if neede require, dilligently view, ſearch, and ſuruey, as wel all Ships, Pinnaces, Boates, Barges, Leighters, Wherries, and other veſſels whatſoeuer, now built or hereafter ſhall be built in any place or places within the realme of England, or dominion of Wales, or either of them, and all timber, planke, and other ſtuffe prouided fit, or prepared for the building, making, trimming, or repairing of any ſuch Ships, Pinnaces, Boates, or any other veſſels, as alſo all and euery the workes and workeman-ſhip of al and euery perſon and perſons whatſoeuer vſed or imployed in the ſaid Art or Myſtery, or anything thereunto appertaining. And all ſuch Ships, Boates, Barges, Lighters Wherries, and other veſſels, which vpon any ſuch ſearch view, or ſuruey, they ſhall finde to bee ſubſtancially wrought or framed, they ſhall put the marke or ſeale of the ſaid Company in ſome conuenient place, if they thinke fitt to teſtifie the ſame. And ſuch of the ſaid Ships or other veſſels, (whereof the timber-worke ſhall not be fully finiſhed) as they ſhall finde to be ſo inſufficiently or deceiptfully made, and wrought or repaired as they muſt needes be dangerous to ſuch as ſhall vſe them to arreſt and make ſtay vntill the ſame ſhall be amended, and made fit for Nauigation. And all ſuch inſufficient wood, timber and ſtuffe, as they ſhall finde to be put into any Ship, Boate, or veſſell, or hewen, wrought, or fitted for that purpoſe, they ſhall.

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ſhall charge the builders or owners thereof forthwith to take the ſame away, and to ſupply it with others that ſhall be good and ſufficient, which if within conuenient time after ſuch charge or warning they ſhall deny, deferre, or neglect to doe. That then it ſhall be lawfull to and for the ſaid Maſter and Wardens, or any two of them, or any two of the ſaid Aſſiſtants, or deputies aforeſaid to impoſe and aſſeſſe vpon euery offendor for euery ſuch offence, to the vſe of the ſaid Corporation fiue pound of lawfull mony of England, or leſſe at their diſcretion.

None to be ſet to worke vnles he hath beene aprentice to the trade.

8

And becauſe many vnſkilfull perſons, and ſuch as haue not bene brought vp as Apprentiſes in the ſaid Art, or Miſtery haue taken vpon them to vſe the ſame, whereupon hath enſued ſundry complaints of inſufficient worke-manſhip, to the preiudice and diſcredit of the Companie, and the gouerners thereof. *It is therefore* ordained that no perſon or perſons, practizing, or profeſſing the ſaid Art or Miſtery, or any thing thereunto appertaining, ſhall from hence forth retaine, imploy, or ſet to worke any Ship-wright Carpenter or profeſſor in the ſaid Art or Miſtery vnleſſe he ſhall haue ſerued therein as an apprentice ſeauen yeares at leaſt, and whoſoeuer ſhall offend therin, ſhall forfaicte and pay to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens to the vſe of the ſaid Corporation, forty ſhillings of lawful money of England.

For diſtinction & approbatiō of Mr. workemen

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Item it is ordayned that the ſaid Maſter and Wardens ſhall forthwith duly examine, inquire, and informe themſelues, how many perſons of the ſaid profeſſion are at this preſent able and fitt, and of ſufficient knowledge, ſkill, and practiſe to be alowed and continued as Maiſter-workemen in the ſaid Art or Miſtery. And them and euery of them at a generall Court or aſſembly, ſhall admit and cauſe to be regiſtered in the booke of Ordinances of the ſaid Corparation. And that from thence forth noe perſon of the ſaid Corporation ſhall take vpon him the charge or place of a Maiſter-workman

man in the ſaide profeſſion, or any thing therevnto appe r taining, or the doing or performing of any worke or buſi-nes, by the day or great, either in making, building, grauing, trimming, or repairing of any Ship, Pinnace, Boate or other veſſell, or in directing, guiding, leading, or hauing the charge or ouerſight of any buſines, worke or workmen, in the ſaid Art or Miſtery, vntill he ſhall haue ſerued therin ſeauen yeares or more as an Apprentice, and ſhall bee approued, licenced, and admitted by the ſaid Maſter Wardens and Aſſiſtants, or the greater part of them by writing, vnder the common ſeale of the ſaide Corporation, to be a ſufficient worke-man: And whoſoeuer ſhall offend contrary to this Ordinance, ſhall forfaicte and pay to the ſaid Maiſter and Wardens, to the vſe of the ſaid Corporation, fiue pounds of lawfull money of England.

10

Item it is ordained that no perſon or perſons of the ſaid Corporation, ſhall from henceforth bee admitted to take vpon him or them to be a yard keeper, except hee be thereunto licenced and alowed by the ſaid Maiſter Wardens and Aſſiſtants, or the greater part of them, whereof the Maiſter and two of the Wardens to be alwaies three, by warrant in writing vnder the common ſeale of the ſaid Corporation, vpon paine of forfaicting to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens to the vſe of the ſaid Coporation, fiue pounds of lawfull money of England, for euery month that he ſhall keepe a yard contrary to this Ordinance. Admittance of yard-keepers.

11

Item it is ordayned that noe perſon or perſons of the ſaid Corporation, Art or Miſtery, ſhall from hence forth keepe any Apprentice at all, vntill he ſhall haue beene an apprentice ſeauen yeares or more in the ſaid Art or Miſtery or ſhall be alowed to be a ſufficient worke-man, by the ſaid Maſter Wardens and aſſiſtants or the greater part of them. And that no Iorneyman ſhall retaine or keepe any more then one Apprentice, at any one time vntill he be a- Taking of apprentices.

lowed and licenſed to be a maſter work-man. Nor any maſter worke-man ſhall haue or take aboue the number of two Apprentices at any one time, vntill he ſhall be an Aſſiſtant of the ſaid Corporation. Nor any Aſſiſtant aboue the number of three at any time vntill he ſhall be a Warden of the ſaid Corporation: Nor any perſon being or hauing beene a Warden aboue the number of foure at any one time vntill he ſhall be Maſter of the ſaide company, nor any perſon beeing or hauing beene a Maſter aboue the number of fiue at any one time. And whoſoeuer ſhall offend this ordinance, ſhall forfaicte and pay to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens, to the vſe of the ſaid Corporation, fiue pounds of lawfull money of England. *Prouided alwaies* that it ſhall be lawfull to and for euery perſon and perſons hereby authorized, to retaine or keepe one or moe apprentice or apprentices at any time within the ſpace of two yeares before the expiration of the tearme of any ſuch apprentice, to take another prentice to ſucceed him that is growing nere the end of his time as aforeſaid. And that two apprentices in this caſe ſhall be accompted but as one.

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Binding enrolling and preſenting of Apprentiſes.

Item it is ordained that noe perſon of the ſaid Art or Miſtery ſhall retaine or keepe any perſon in the ſaid profeſſion, aboue three months before he bring him to the Hall or place appointed to be there bound apprentice by the Clarke of the compay or his deputie or deputies, for ſeuen yeares at the leaſt, not to expire before he be foure and twenty yeares old, and to be there enrolled before the ſaid Maſter and Wardens, or two of them, or before their deputies in remote places according to the true intent and meaning of his Maieſties Charter, in that behalfe, paying ſuch ordinary alowances for the ſame, as heretofore hath beene vſually accuſtomed, that is to ſay two ſhillings ſixe pence for preſenting, ſixe pence for enrolling, and foure pence to the Beadle. And whoſoeuer ſhall offend in binding his Prentice elſe where, ſhall forfeict and pay to the

ſaid Maſter and Wardens to the vſe of the ſaid Corporation, for euery ſuch offence forty ſhillings of lawfull money of England, and for euery weeke that he ſhall keepe him vnbound after the ſaid three months ten ſhilling of like money.

13

Item it is further ordered, that for all apprentiſes formerly bound elſwhere their Maiſters ſhall within three months next enſuing (vpon paine of forty ſhillings to be imployed to the vſe of the ſaid Corporation) bring their Indentures to the ſaid Clarke, or his deputies, to the end the ſame may be by him regeſtred and enrolled, for which they ſhall pay ſuch fees and alowances as are before expreſſed, viz. two ſhillings ſixe pence for preſenting, ſixe pence for enrolling, and foure pence to the Beadle.

Formerly bound to be enrolled at the Hall.

Making of Indentures.

14

Item it is ordayned that all Indentures for prentices of the ſaid Corporation, ſhall be from henceforth made by the Clarke of the ſaid Company for the time being, or his deputies, for which he may receiue and take the vſuall alowance of ſixtene pence a pare, vpon paine of forfaicting for euery pare made elſewhere to the vſe of the ſaid Clark three ſhillings foure pence of lawfull money of England. *And* it is further ordered, that the foreſaid charge of preſenting, binding and enrolling ſhall be paid by the friends of the prentice, except the Maſter be otherwiſe contented.

Setting out of Apprentices.

15

Item it is ordayned that noe perſon or perſons of the ſaid Art or Miſtery ſhall bargaine, ſell, giue or ſet ouer his prentice or prentices, without the ſpecial priuity, licence, and conſent of the ſaid Maſter and Wardens, or their deputies in remote places, to the end they maye forſee that they may be ſet ouer to ſuch as may lawfully take them and ſhall be able to teach them their trade, and find them all things neceſ-

ſary, vpon paine to forfaict to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens to the vſe of the ſaid Corporation for euery ſuch offence forty ſhillings of lawfull money of England. *And* if it hapen any perſon of the ſaid Corporation to dye and depart this life, leauing any apprentice who hath ſerued two yeares or aboue of his tearme. *It is ordayned* that it ſhall be lawfull for the widdow of the party deceaſed to make her beſt benefit of him, during her widdow-hood that ſhee can. And that vpon requeſt made to any Maſter workeman of the ſaid Art or Miſtery that he hath meanes to imploy him, hee ſhall ſet him to worke for ſuch reaſonable wages as he is able to earne. But if at the time of his Maſters deceaſe he ſhall not haue ſerued the full time of two yeares, or that the widdow die before the expi. ation of ſuch apprentiſhip, or that his Maſter ſhall giue ouer his profeſſion. That then it ſhall be lawfull for the ſaid Maſter and Wardens and their deputies, to aſſigne and ſet ouer euery ſuch apprentice, to ſuch perſons as they ſhall thinke conuenient. And if they refuſe ſo to ſerue them, to correct and puniſh them according to the quality of the offence and perſon.

16

Submiſſion to the ordinances.

Item it is ordayned that euery perſon of the ſaid profeſſion ſhall vpon reaſonable warning in that behalfe giuen repaire and come to and before ſaid Maſter Wardens and aſſiſtants, or foure of them (whereof the Maſter and one of the Wardens to be alwaies two) or before their deputies at ſuch time and place as ſhall be by them appoynted, and then and there reſpectiuely ſhall yeeld their conſents, and willingly ſubſcribe their names and take their corporall oaths to be miniſtred by the ſaid Maſter and Wardens, or their deputies, to doe their beſt endeauor to and for the due performance and execution of his Maieſties Charter in al points according to the lawe, and of all and ſingular ſuch wholeſome and lawfull ordinances, conſtitutions, and orders as by vertue thereof are and ſhall be made, approued, and allowed,

lowed, and ſo yeeld himſelfe, and be regiſtred a freeman of the ſaid Art or Miſtery: At which time of ſuch alowing and regiſtring euery Maſter Worke-man ſhall pay to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens a fine of fiue ſhillinges: euery yard keeper thirtene ſhillings foure-pence, & euery Iorney-man three ſhillings ſixe-pence, or leſſe according to the diſcretion of the ſaid Maſter and Wardens, for and to the vſe of the ſaid Corporation. And whoſoeuer ſhall offend in any part of this ordinance, ſhall for euery time ſo offending forfet and pay to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens to the uſe of the ſaid Corporation, twenty ſhillings of lawfull money of England.

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Appearance at the Hall vpon ſummons.

Item it is ordained, that the ſaid Maſter and Wardens or their deputie or deputies in remote place or places within the Realme of England and Dominion of Wales, or either of them by their beadle or other Officer for that purpoſe to bee appointed at any time or times, as often as they ſhall thinke fitte, ſummon and warne all perſon and perſons of the ſaid Art or Myſterie, to come and appeare before them either at the common Hall, or at any other conuenient place or places reſpectiuely, And that euery perſon ſo lawfully ſummoned for what cauſe ſoeuer it bee concerning the needefull affaires of the ſaid Art or Myſterie which doth not come and appeare at the day, time and place accordingly, hauing no iuſt cauſe of excuſe ſhall forfait and pay to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens, to the vſe of the ſaid Corporation for his contempt and failling at the firſt time twelue pence, at the ſecond time two ſhillings, at the third time foure ſhillings, and ſo euery time increaſing double vntill hee or they ſummoned doe make their appearance, But if any of the Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Art or myſterie ſhall bee ſummoned to appeare at the Hall or other conuenient place, vpon a certaine day and hower appointed (which hower vppon euery Court day ſhall bee eight of the clock in the morning at the furtheſt, and ſhall make default not alleadging a reaſonable

excuſe ſhal be ſent in writing to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens at the place and hower appointed) hee ſhal forfait to the ſaid Maſter & Wardens to the vſe of the ſaid Corporation for euery default, at the firſt time two ſhillings, at the ſecond time foure ſhillings, at the third time eight ſhillings, and ſo euery time increaſing double vntil he ſhal make his appearance, to be paid & ſatisfied by the ſaid Maſter and Wardens before he ſhal be admitted to ſit downe or take place againe amongſt them. And if any perſon vpon demand made ſhall refuſe or deferre to pay the ſaid fine or fines impoſed vpon him or them as aforeſaid, hee ſhall forfait and pay to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens to the vſe of the ſaid Corporation for euery time ſo refuſing or deferring twenty ſhillings of lawfull money of England.

Reſtraining of worke on Sundaies.

18

Item it is ordained that no perſon of the ſaid Corporation ſhall worke or cauſe to be wrought any thing in or about the ſaid trade vpon any Sunday, vpon paine to forfait ſixe ſhillings and eight pence for euery offence to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens, the one halfe thereof to bee to the vſe of the ſaid Corporation, and the other halfe to him that will informe thereof being a Ship-wright or Officer belonging to the ſaid Corporation.

Againſt inticing away of prentices

19

Item it is ordained that no perſon of the ſaid Corporation ſhall at any time counſaile, intice, procure or perſwade any ſeruant or apprentice of the ſaid profeſſion to any diſorder, or diſhoneſt, vnlawfull action, or to leaue or forſake his trade or calling, or vnlawfully to depart or runne away from his Maſters ſeruice, either before or after he is bound, And whoſoeuer ſhall offend therein, ſhall forfait and pay for euery ſuch offence to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens to the vſe aforeſaid the ſum of fortie ſhillings of lawfull money of England, or elſe to be corrected according to the quality and condition of the perſon.

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Item it is ordained that if any apprentice of the ſaid Art or Myſterie ſhall at any time complaine to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens or to any their deputies for lacke of meat drinke apparrell or for any vnlawfull correction or miſuſeage, Or if any Maſter ſhall complaine of his apprentice for any matter of miſdemeanor whatſoeuer. That then in euery ſuch caſe it ſhall and may be lawfull to and for the ſaid Maſter and Wardens, or any their deputies, or any two or three of them to ſend for the partie againſt whom any ſuch complaint is made, and to take ſuch order therein as they ſhall thinke agreeable to iuſtice and equitie, which whoſoeuer ſhall refuſe to ſtand to, ſhall bee puniſhed by reaſonable fine or otherwiſe according to the quantitie and qualitie of the offence and perſon, And the like courſe and order ſhall be holden againſt diſobedient ſeruants and prentices in correcting and puniſhing them when their ſtubbornes ſhall be growen to ſuch a head or height as their Maſter Miſtreſſe or Dame cannot rule them. *And it is* further ordained that if any prentice ſhall before the end of his terme marrie or contract himſelfe to any woman or vnlawfully depart or run away from his Maſters ſeruice, he ſhall looſe the benefit of all his time and ſeruice paſt, and either become new bound to his Maſter for ſeuen yeares, or elſe make him ſuch recompence as the ſaid Maſter and Wardens or their deputies, or any three of them ſhall thinke fit and reaſonable, who ſhall likewiſe inflict vpon him ſuch other exemplary puniſhment, either by fine, correction, or otherwiſe as by iuſtice the nature and quality of the offence ſhall deſerue.

21

Item it is ordayned that euery perſon now vſing, practiſing, or profeſſing, or which hereafter ſhall vſe, practice, or profeſſe the ſaid Art or Miſtery, or any thing therevnto belonging, ſhall be from time to time contributory, and ſhall beare and pay vnto the ſaid Maſter and Wardens for the time being, or their deputie, or deputies for that purpoſe

Contributions for maintenance of the Corporation.

poſe authoriſed all ſuch reaſonable ſumme and ſums of money, for taxes, tallages, and other impoſitions, aſwell ordinary as extraordinary as ſhall be thought fit, and ſhall agree with reaſon and indifferency to be aſſeſſed or impoſed vpon him or them for the time being, as well for the neceſſary ſeruice of our ſoueraigne Lord the King his heires and ſucceſſors, as alſo for the maintenance, ſupport, and vpholding of the ſaid Corporation, and all other the needfull affaires, cauſes, and thinges whatſoeuer, for and concerning the common good, wealth, and eſtate of the ſaid Corporation, according to their ſeuerall abilities. And euery one that ſhall refuſe to pay and diſcharge the ſame portion of money, which ſhall be ſo reaſonably aſſeſſed, rated, and taxed vpon him as aforeſaid, ſhall forfait and pay to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens to the vſe of the ſaid Corporation fortie ſhillings of lawfull money of England, for euery time that hee or they ſhall ſo refuſe contrary to the true meaning of this Ordinance.

Suppreſſing of conſpiracies againſt Charters and ordinances.

22

Item it is ordained that euery perſon and perſons of the ſaid Art or Myſterie ſhall at all times heereafter be and ſhew himſelfe to bee of good and honeſt behauiour, and bearing both in word and deede toward the ſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants, and their deputies, Officers, and Miniſters for the time beeing and euery of them, and ſhall bee, and ſhew himſelfe to bee tractable, conformeable and obedient touching all and euery their lawfull conſtitutions, ordinances, cauſes and matters concerning the ſaid Art or Myſterie, And if any perſon ſhall at any time heereafter be found wilfully obſtinate, ſtubborne or diſobedient, or in any wiſe reſiſting againſt the ſaid Maſter Wardens and Aſſiſtants or any of them or any their deputies Officers or Miniſters to the let hinderance, or diſturbance of the due execution of their ſaid Offices, or ſhall at any time begin attempt or make any priuie aſſemblie, conuenticle, counſell, or conſpiracy againſt the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants, for the

the time beeing or any of them, or in any sort tending to the violation or breach of any good ordinance or order now in force or hereafter to be made and ordained for the good gouernment of the said Corporation, or shall at any time directly or indirectly practise or attempt any thinge which may in any wise be preiuditiall or hurtfull to the lawfull and good estate of the said corporation, or hauing knowledge or notice of any vnlawfull attempt, practise or conspiracy, shall not within conuenient time discouer the same to the said Master Wardens and Assistants, or their deputies or some of them, and this or any of these things being proued before the said Master and Wardens or three of them by the testimony of two honest and sufficient witnesses. *It is ordained* that euery such offendor shall for euery such offence contrary to this ordinance, forfaict and pay to the said Master and Wardens to the vse of the said Corporation forty shillings of lawfull money of England: *And it is* further ordayned that no person of the said profession vpon paine of forty shillings to be imposed and leauied as aforesaid shall after sufficient warning giuen imploy or sett any such insolent and disobedient person to worke vntill he hath submitted and conformed himselfe, according to his Maiesties expresse pleasure in that behalfe declared in the said Charter.

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Item it is ordayned that no person of the said Art or Mistery shall openly or priuily reuile, miscall, or misuse with euill speches of reproach any of the said company, or vse any vnciuill or vndecent tearmes against any of them, vpon paine to forfaicte and pay for euery time so offending, to the said Master and Wardens to the vse of the said Corporation fiue shillings of lawfull money of England.

None of the company to reuile another.

24

Item it is ordained that euery person and persons now practising or professing, or which hereafter shall practise or professe the said Art or Mistery or any thing thereunto appertaining

Payment of quarterage.

pertaining, ſhall truly ſatisfie and pay to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens or their deputie or deputies for that purpoſe authoriſed towards the maintenance and vpholding of the ſaid Corporation a certaine contribution in the name of Quarterage, according to the rate and proportion following, that is to ſay, euery Iorney-man not hauing or keeping any ſeruant or apprentice at all ſhall pay foure pence euery quarter, that is to ſay ſixteene-pence a yeare, and euery Iorney-man keeping or licenced to keepe one ſeruant or apprentice ſixe-pence a quarter that is two ſhillings a yeare, euery Maſter worke-man eight-pence a quarter that is two ſhillings eight-pence a yeare, and euery Yard-keeper and Aſſiſtant twelue-pence a quarter that is foure ſhillings a yeare. All which ſeuerall portions of money ſhall vpon the quarter day be brought or ſent to the Hall, or place appointed for the quarterly meeting, and paid to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens or their deputies, without any deferring or further delay. And whoſoeuer ſhall willfully refuſe, deny, or faile to make payment thereof at the time and place aforeſaid, ſhall forfet and pay to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens to the vſe of the ſaid Corporation, for euery ſuch refuſall, denying, or failing ſixe ſhilings eight-pence of lawfull money of England.

25

Perfecting the company in the Knowledge of the Trade

Item it is ordayned for the better experience and cunning to bee had in the ſaid Art or Miſtery, and for the better ſeruice to his Maieſty and the Common wealth, that euery perſon or perſons that doe or ſhall vſe practiſe or profeſſe the ſaid Art or Miſtery any or thing thereunto appertaning, as the making, building, caulking, or reparing of Ships, Pinnaces, Boats or other veſſells, or the making or triming of Maſts, Oares, Pumpes, Tops, Pullies, or any other Inſtruments of wood pertayning to ſhipping, ſhall practiſe and exerciſe themſelues and their ſeruants in euery perticular point and miſtery of the ſaid profeſſion, as members of one entire body and branches of one and the ſelfe-ſame

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Art or Miſtery, to the end they be not hereafter diuided to the great inconuenience both of his Maieſties ſeruice, and Common wealth. And if any perſon or perſons ſhall be hereafter found remiſſe, or diſobedient therein, he ſhall be reaſonably fined and puniſhed at the diſcretion of the ſaid Maſter and Wardens or the more part of them.

26

Item it is ordained that euery Iorney-man of the ſaid Art or Miſtery, being hired for wages by the day, or week, ſhall betwixt the midſt of the months of *March* and *September* come and be at their worke at or before halfe an hower before ſixe of the clock in the morning, and continue at worke and not depart vntill halfe an hower after ſix at night reſeruing onely conuenient times of eating and ſleeping in the ſommer time. And betwixt the midſt of *September* and the mideſt of *March*, ſhall be and continue at their worke from the ſpring of the day in the morning vntill night of the ſame day, except the times appointed for dinner, vpon paine to looſe and forfet foure pence for euery hower of wilfull abſence, and two pence for euery hower of negligent abſence, to be deducted and defalked out of his wages that ſhall ſo offend to the vſe of the ſaid Corporation. Coming to, & departure from worke

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Item it is ordained that if any perſon of the ſaid profeſſion ſhall be lawfully retained into worke or ſeruice by the day or great, and ſhall vniuſtly and vnlawfully leaue or depart from the ſame vntill ſuch time as the ſame worke ſhall be fully finiſhed, he ſhall forfet and pay to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens for euery ſuch offence forty ſhillings of lawfull money of England to the vſe of the ſaid Corporation. *And it is* further ordayned, that if any Yard-keeper or Maſter worke-man of the ſaid Art or Miſtery, after he hath retained any Iorney-man into his worke or ſeruice, ſhall without any iuſt or reaſonable cauſe put him away and entertaine another, he ſhall forfet and pay for euery ſuch offence to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens, to the vſe of the ſaide Continuance at worke begun.

Corporation, tenne ſhillinges of lawfull money of England.

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Tonnage of Ships & poundage vpon old taſke worke

Item it is ordayned for the better ſupporting of the ſaid Corporation, and for the maintenance and releiuing of the poore, aged, and decayed perſons of the ſame, euery perſon of the ſaid Art or Miſtery that ſhall hereafter make or build any new Ship or veſſell of the burden of one hundreth Tunnes and vpward, ſhall pay and contribute to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens to the vſe of the poore aged and decaied perſons of the ſaid Corporation ſixe-pence of lawfull money of England, for euery tunne that euery ſuch Ship or veſſell ſhall containe in burden. And that euery perſon of the ſaid company that ſhall hereafter make or build any new Ship, Pinnace, Boate, Barge, Lighter, or any other veſſell or veſſells whatſoeuer, from one hundreth Tunnes downewards to a wherry, ſhall pay to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens to the vſe of the ſaid Corporation, three-pence for euery Tunne that any ſuch ſmaller Ship or veſſell ſhall containe in burden, and for euery Wherry foure-pence of lawfull money of England. And laſtly, that euery perſon of the ſaid profeſſion, Art, or Miſtery, that ſhall from hence forth directly or indirectly take, performe or doe any old taſke-worke, or ſhall amende or repaire any old Ship, Pynnace, Caruell, Hoy, Boate, Lighter, or other veſſell by the great, or taſke, ſhall pay and contribute to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens, to the vſe of the ſaid Corporation twelue-pence of lawfull money of England, for euery twenty ſhillings that all or any ſuch old worke ſhall amount vnto. And whoſoeuer ſhall refuſe, with-hold, or deny the paiment of the ſaid impoſitions or any of them or any part therof, after demaund thereof made by the ſaid Maſter and Wardens or any of them or any their deputies as aforeſaid, ſhall forfaite and pay to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens, to the vſe of the poore of the ſaid Corporation for ſuch refuſall ot deferring, double the value of any ſuch impoſition.

Item

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Item it is ordayned that for the vſe and purpoſe afore- Poundage of perſons that goe to Sea.
ſaid, euery perſon of the ſaid Art or Miſtery, that ſhall from henceforth be hired to goe to ſea for wages, or ſhares, ſhall pay and contribute to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens two pence for euery twenty ſhillings, that his wages or ſhares ſhall amount vnto. And that whoſoeuer ſhall refuſe to pay the ſame vpon demaund, ſhall forfaict to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens to the vſe of the ſaid Corporation double the value, and tenne ſhillings for euery weeke that the ſame ſhall bee afterwards detained.

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Item it is ordained that noe perſon of the ſaid Art, or Miſtery, ſhall at any time hereafter, be hired, ſerue, or goe forth to ſea as a Carpenter in any Shippe or veſſell, vnleſſe he ſhall firſt giue notice thereof, and regiſter his name at the common Hall, vpon paine of tenne ſhillinges to be forfaicted to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens to the vſe of the ſaid Corporation, for euery time doinge the contrary. *And that* noe ſeruant or apprentice vpon paine of fiue pounds to be forfaicted by his Maſter, to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens to the vſe of the ſaid Corporation, ſhall ſerue or goe for Maſter-carpenter of any Sip or veſſell to ſea, except his ſufficiency be firſt examined and approued by the ſaid Maſter and Wardens, or their deputies, vnder the common ſeale of the ſaid Corporation. No inſufficient perſon to goe to Sea.

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Item it is ordained that once in euery month, or oftner if neede ſhall require, there ſhall be kept and holden by the Maſter and Wardens of the ſaid Art or Miſtery, at their common Hall or ſome other conuenient place, one Court or aſſembly, for the ſaid Art or Miſtery, for the hearing of cauſes and complaints, and deciding and determining of all queſtions, debates, and controuerſies, concerning the affaires and buſines of the ſaid Art or Miſtery, or betweene he workemen or members therof. At which Court or aſſem- Keeping of monthly & quarterly Courts.

bly ſo to be kept and holden, the ſaid Maſter and Wardens ſhall or may call ſo many of the ſaid Aſſiſtants as they ſhall thinke fit and may conueniently be there, to be aiding and aſſiſting to them in all and euery matter and thing that ſhal be then and there propounded or moued. *And it is ordained* that foure times in the yeare, that is to ſay vpon the feaſt day of Saint Michaell Th'arkeangell, the feaſt day of Saint Iohn Th'Appoſtle, the feaſt day of Th'annunciation of St. Mary the Virgin, and vpon the feaſt day of the Natiuity of Saint Iohn Baptiſt, if they fall not vpon a Sunday, or ells the day following, there ſhall be holden for the ſaid Art or Miſtery foure generall Aſſemblies, or Courts, which ſhall be cailed the foure quarter dayes of Aſſembly, vnto which there ſhall be ſummoned the whole body of the ſaid Corporation, or ſo many as may conueniently be there. At which time all the ordinances of the ſaid Art or Miſtery, if neede ſhall ſo require ſhall be diſtinctly read vnto them to the end they may the better learne to keepe and obſerue the ſame. *And* likewiſe it is ordered that theſe ordinances or the Coppies thereof ſhall be ſent into the ſeuerall needful places of the Realme of England and dominion of Wales, to the end the like courſe may be held and taken by the deputies there. And whoſoeuer ſhall make default in appeareance at any of the ſaid quarter dayes, hauing no lawfull or iuſt excuſe in that behalfe, ſhall forfet and pay to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens for the time beeing, to the vſe of the ſaid Corporation tenne ſhillings of lawfull money of England.

32

Reſtraining of worke to any forraine Prince.

Item it is ordayned and eſtabliſhed that euery perſon of the ſaid Art or Miſtery ſhall vpon his appeareance before the ſaid Maſter and Wardens or any three or two of them or any their deputies, become bound in fiue hundreth Pounds of Lawfull money of England to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens for the time being, vpon Condition to be endorſed or ſubſcribed to this effect following, that is to ſay. That

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they nor any of them ſhall at any time voluntarily worke beyond the ſeas for any forraine Prince or State or voluntarily giue any direction or aduice to any other perſon or perſons to worke for any ſuch forraine Prince or ſtate without ſpeciall licence firſt had and obtained by warrante in writing vnder the hands of three of the Lords of his Maieſties moſt honorable priuy Counſell his heires or ſucceſſors at the leaſt. And likewiſe take his Corporall oath to ſuch effect as is mentioned in the ſaid condition- And whoſoeuer ſhall refuſe to enter into ſuch bond and take ſuch Corporall oath as aforeſaid ſhall forfet and pay to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens to the vſe of the ſaid Corporation fiue pounds of lawfull money of England, and from thenceforth to be diſabled to be of the ſaid Corporation or Society. For making and entring of which ſaid bond the Clark for the time being ſhall or may take twelue-pence, and for entring and miniſtring the ſaid oath eight pence.

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Item it is ordayned that yerely within twentie dayes at moſt after the newe Maſter and wardens ſhall be choſen and ſworne, the old Maſter and Wardens in their common Hall or in ſome other conuenient place ſhall preſent, exhibit, and declare vnto them in the preſence of foure at leaſt of the Aſſiſtants a true and iuſt accompt to be exacted and alowed of by the auditors of the company of and for all his and their receiptes and payments concerning the ſaid Art or Miſtery, who vpon their ſaid accompts ſhal be alowed al and euery ſuch reaſõable coſts charges & expences as they or any of them ſhall haue diſburſed or expended for or about the neceſſary affaires, occaſions, or buſineſſes of the ſaid Art or Miſtery. And then and there ſhall not onely deliuer the ſaid bookes of accompts vnto the ſaid Maſter and Wardens, but alſo all money, plate, and goods, together with the ſaid keyes of the ſaid Cheſt, and all other thinges whatſoeuer being or remaining in his or their cuſtody or poſſeſſion or which they or any of them ſhall or may be duely or lawfully charged.

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ed to haue receiued to the vſe of the ſaid Company, or elſe for ſuch thinges as they cannot preſently deliuer, they ſhall within one month next following the determination of the ſaid Accompt, well and truly pay, content, ſatisfie, and deliuer the ſame and euery part thereof vnto the ſaid new Maſter and Wardens for the time being, to the vſe and behooſe of the ſaid Company. And whoſoeuer ſhall make default thereof, ſhall for euery day after the ſaid month is ended forfet and pay to the ſaid new Maſter and Wardens, to the vſe of the ſaid Corporation forty ſhillings, vntill he or they ſhall haue made full payment and ſatisfaction thereof, according to the true intent and meaning of this ordinance. And if it ſhall happen any of the ſaid Maſter and Wardens to be ſlack or negligent in making or deliuering in the ſaid accompts in manner as aforeſaid or be found faultie or vntruſtie therein, ſuch offendor ſhall forfet and pay to the ſaid new Maſter and Wardens to the vſe of the ſaid Corporation, ſuch reaſonable ſummes of money and fines, as ſhall be aſſeſſed by the ſaid new Maſter and Wardens or the more part of them for the time being. *The like* courſe and order to be held by the deputies in remote places vpon paine of forfetting to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens tenne ſhillings for euery day after the month is ended that he ſhall make default in ſatisfiing and deliuerie to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens or their ſucceding deputie or deputies, ſuch money, goodes, and other thinges as they or any of them may lawfully be charged to haue in their handes to the vſe of the ſaid company, beſides ſuch further fines as they ſhall thinke to impoſe vpon them for their ſlacknes in giuing vp their accomptes.

Deciding of controuerſies.

34

Item it is ordayned that the ſaid Maſter and Wardens ſhall imploy their true & beſt endeauor to order, compound, and appeaſe all complaints and controuerſies betweene the brethren and members of the ſaid Corporation, to the end to preuent all occaſions of ſute in law by one of them againſt

againſt another.

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Item it is ordained that noe perſon of the ſaid Art or Miſtery ſhall retaine, keepe, or ſet to worke any ſtranger borne, or reueale or diſcouer to any ſtranger or other perſon, not free, or ſeruing for his freedome in the ſaid Art or Miſtery, the ſecrets of the ſame Art, or the ſpeciall manner of Engliſh building vpon paine of tenne pounds. Nor ſhall diſcouer to any perſon not free or a member of the ſaid Corporation, any ſpeciall points of the Charter or ordinance, or of any buſines or matters that at any meeting at the Hall or elſe where ſhall be propounded, debated, or concluded, to the preiudice of the ſaid Corporation, vpon paine of fiue pounds to be paid to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens to the vſe of the ſaid Corporation.

To reſtrane the diſcouery of the Secrets of the trade.

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Item it is ordayned that no Yard keeper, builder, or Maſter Workman of the ſaid Art or Miſtery, inhabiting or dweling in any Port, Hauen-Towne, or place within the precincts aforeſaid, ſhall retaine, imploy, or ſet to worke the people or work-men of any other Porte, or place, as long as he may haue ſufficient and able worke-men of his neighbours dwelling within the ſame Port or place, for reaſonable wages toperforme his worke, vpon paine to forfet to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens to the vſe of the ſaid Corporation for euery perſon he ſhall entertaine or imploy, contrary to this ordinance, fiue ſhillings, and tenne ſhillings for euery weeke that after warning giuen he ſhall imploy or ſet him to worke. *And it is* ordayned that the Inhabitants of any Porte, Hauen, or place within the precincts aforeſaid, ſhall not at any tyme hereafter be imployed, retained, or ſet to worke, in any other place, except hee be firſt licenſed and authoriſed in writing by the ſaid Maſter and Wardens or their deputies of that precinct or place where he ſeeketh or is deſirous to be ſet to worke, and except he pay and contribute towards the reliefe and maintenance of the poore of the ſaid

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Corporation, three-pence of lawfull money of England, or leſſe at the diſcretion of the ſaid Maſter and Wardens out of euery daies wages that he ſhall be there imployed, to be retayned by him that ſetteth him to worke, who ſhall be anſwerable or accomptable, vpon paine of twenty ſhillings to be impoſed vpon euery one that contrary to this ordinance ſhall imploy any man, or ſhall refuſe to contribute as aforeſaid to be paid to the vſe of the ſaid Corporation.

37

An order for Calkers

Item it is ordayned that noe perſon that is or ſhall be onely a Caulker ſhall retaine or keepe aboue one prentice at any one time. And that noe ſeruant or prentice of the ſaid profeſſion ſhall be ſet or ſuffred to Caulke vnder water in grauing, vntill he hath or ſhall haue ſerued two yeares at leaſt, vpon paine of three ſhillings foure-pence for euery Tide, to be paide by him that ſhall ſet any ſuch ſeruant or Apprentice to worke contrary to this ordinance, to be paid to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens to the vſe of the ſaid Corporation.

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Buriall of the Aſſiſtans

Item it is ordayned that if any of the Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Art or Miſtery ſhall dye or depart this life. That then the reſidue of the Aſſiſtants, or ſo many as can conueniently be there (being for that purpoſe warned) ſhall in a decent manner be at the buriall vpon paine of fiue ſhillings for euery one making default, to be paid to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens to the vſe of the ſaid Corporation. For which ſaid warning, the Beadle is to be alowed fiue ſhillings for his paines by the Executors or friends of the deceaſed.

39

Freemen to be imp'oyed before Forrayners.

Item it is ordained that if any perſon or perſons of any other trade or profeſſion whereof there is ſpeciall vſe in the ſaid Art or Miſtery as Caruers, Ioyners, Inborers, Smiths, Painters &c. ſhall bee admitted into the freedome of the ſaid Corporation, they ſhall bee imploied in their proper Art

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or Miſtery before the forrayners, ſo long as it ſhall be no diſaduantage to the common good, or to any other perticuler perſon that ſhall haue cauſe to vſe them.

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Item it is ordained that if any perſon or perſons vſing, or exerciſing, or which hereafter ſhall vſe or exerciſe the ſaid Art or Miſtery or any thing therevnto appertayning in any place or places within the precincts aforeſaid doe or ſhall infringe, breake, or not obſerue any Act or Ordinance in theſe points expreſſed, and doe or ſhall deny, refuſe, delay, or deferre to pay any ſuch ſum or ſummes of money as ſhall happen at any time hereafter to be forfetted or due to be paide to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens for any paine, penalty or forfeiture, touching any of the ordinances in theſe preſents expreſſed, and doe or ſhall deny, refuſe, delay, or deferre to pay any ſuch ſum or ſums of money as ſhall happen at any time hereafter to be forfetted or due to be paid to the ſaid Maſter and Wardens for any paine, penalty, or forfetture touching any of the ordinances in theſe preſents expreſſed, limmited and appointed. That then it ſhall and may be lawfull to and for the ſaid Maſter and Wardens or any two of them or their deputie or deputies or any other perſon or perſons by them in that behalfe to be appointed, either by themſelues or elſe if neede bee taking with them one Conſtable, Bailiffe, or Headborough or any other of the Kinges officers at all, or any time or times at their will and pleaſure to enter into the howſe or howſes, Boothes, Shops, Ware-howſes and Yards of him ſo refuſing, denying, delaying or defering to pay any ſuch paines, penalties, forfetures, or any other ſumme or ſums of money by him or them due or payable, and to diſtraine the goods of all and euery ſuch parties offending, and to carry away, retaine and keepe the ſame vntill the ſaid paines, penalties, forfetures, or any other ſumme or ſummes of money aforeſaid and euery part thereof ſhall be fully ſatisfied and payed, or

Diſtraynings for Fines.

otherwiſe to leauy or ſue for, and recouer the ſame by any lawfull meanes: And this to doe from time to time ſo often as need or occaſion ſhall require.

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Deputy Aſſiſtants in the Thames

And to th'intent that his Maieſties pleaſure expreſſed in the ſaid Charter and Letters Pattents may be the better obeyed, and all the orders, ordinances, and conſtitutions, in theſe preſents contayned, may without any reſpect of perſons, conniuence or parcialitie from time to time be duly executed and performed. *It is ordained* that not onely in euery needful place and places within the realme of England and dominion of Wales, there be from time to time election made of the moſt able and ſufficient perſons to be deputies in all remote places, that the Charter and ordinances may be there duely and truly executed. But alſo more eſpecially in the riuer of *Thames*, where there is greateſt imployment, and greateſt numbers of people of the ſaid Art or Miſtery are inhabiting and reſiding. *It is likewiſe* ordayned that there be for euer ſixteene of the moſt able, wiſe, diſcreete, and ſubſtanciall perſons and workemen who ſhall be called the deputie Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Art or Miſtery for the time being. Of whom yearely vpon the feaſt of Saint Mathew the Apoſtle there ſhall be choyce made of two to be their Wardens and Gouernors for the yeare following. The ſaid deputie Aſſiſtants, taking their Corporall oath for the due execution of their places, ſhall reſpectiuely endeauor themſelues to put in execution within the River of *Thames* all the lawes and ordinances herein contained, and hereafter to be made for the common good, weale and proffit of the ſaid Corporation, and all the grants, powers, and authorities granted by the Kinges Maieſty to the ſaid Maſter Wardens and Cominalty. They ſhall inquire and informe themſelues from time to time of all manner of abuſes, complaints and miſdemeanors contrary thereunto, which if they be of ordinary importance they ſhall examine and decide amongſt themſelues, referring alwaies matters of more ſerious conſequence to the Maſter

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and Wardens. They ſhal be aſſiſting to the Maſter and Wardens in their Searches, and in leauying of fines and collecting of duties &c. They ſhall keepe Court euery ſixe weeks at the Hall, where the Clarke ſhall attend vpon them to aduiſe with them and regiſter their proceedings. To theſe Courts they may ſummon and warne by the Beadle any of the Cominalty or common Worke-men or Iorney men within the riuer, and fine them if neede bee. They ſhall continew in their places vntill they come to be Yard-keepers or Aſſiſtants, and be remoueable vpon iuſt occaſion, and others choſen in their places or ſteedes. Laſtly they ſhall be accomptable and fineable for neglect according as the deputies in remote places.

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And for ſomuch as by their ſaid Charter there is an oath to be adminiſtred to the ſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants, and alſo to Iorney-men vpon their admittance, and noe fourme of the ſaid oath ſet downe. *It is ordered and decreed* that the fourme of the ſaid oath ſhall bee as followeth. That is to ſay Oath of the

The Oath of the Maſter. You ſhall be true to our Soueraigne Lord the Kings Maieſtie, his heires and ſucceſſors, and you ſhall endeuour your ſelfe the beſt you can iuſtly lawfully and indifferently to execute and cauſe to be executed your Office of *Maſter* ſo farre forth in euery reſpect as lawfully you may, And in like manner ſhall obſerue and cauſe to be obſerued all the good and lawfull Orders, Ordinances and Conſtitutions herein contained, and heereafter to be made for the common good, weale and profit of the ſaid Corporation, and all the grants, powers and authorities granted by the Kings Maieſtie, to the Maſter, Wardens and Cominaltie of the Art or Myſterie of Shipwrights of *Redrith* in the Countie of Surrey, without ſparing any perſon, for affection, meede, dreade, or promiſe of reward during the time you ſhall remaine and be in the ſaid Office of Maſter. And of all and euery ſuch goods, Maiſter &c.

plate and ſummes of money, or any other thing or things that by reaſon of your ſaid Office ſhall come to your hands or poſſeſſion, you ſhall according to Th'ordinances heerein ſpecified, make a good, true, iuſt and plaine accompt, or elſe pay ſuch fines as you ſhall be ordered to pay for your not ſo doing. You ſhall not for any malice, nor for loue or affection, aſſeſſe any perſon in a greater or leſſer ſumme than after the quantitie and qualitie of his offence according to your diſcretion and according to th'ordinances in theſe preſents mentioned. *So help you God.*

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The like *Oath* for the *Wardens* and *Deputies*, reſpectiuely, *mutatis mutandis.*

The Oath of the Aſsiſtants, You ſhall ſweare that you ſhall bee true to our Soueraigne Lord the Kings Maieſtie his heires and lawfull ſucceſſors, and you ſhall indeauour your ſelues ſo farre forth as you lawfully may, to the beſt of your skill, aſwell for and concerning the giuing and vſing your faithfull aduices and counſell to the Maſter and Wardens of the Art or Myſterie of Ship-wrights of *Redrith* in the Countie of Surrey, for the time being, for their more better execution of their ſaid Offices, And to giue & vſe your faithful aid and aſſiſtance in euery reſpect as much as in you lyeth, and lawfully you may doe for the due obſeruation of all the good and lawfull ordinances heerein contained or heereafter to be made according to the true intent and meaning of the ſame, and of the powers, grants, and auᵭthorities granted by the Kinges Maieſtie to the Maſter, Wardens and Cominaltie, without ſparing or impeaching any perſon or perſons whatſoeuer either for affection or malice or in reſpect of any reward, meede, dread, or promiſe of reward during the time you ſhalbe an Aſſiſtant touching the ſaid Art or Myſterie. *So help you God.*

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The Oath of euery one that is made free, You ſhall be true to our Soueraigne Lord the King to his heires and ſucceſ-

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ſors, you ſhall be obedient from time to time in all matters lawfull to the Maſter and Wardens of this Art or Myſterie of Ship-wrights for the time being, and readie to come to their lawfull ſummons except you haue a lawfull excuſe. Or elſe you ſhall pay ſuch reaſonable penalties as you ſhall forfait for your diſobedience according to the Ordinances heeretoſore made by the Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Art or Myſterie. Which Ordinances and euery of them to your power you ſhall obſerue and keepe, and all the lawfull counſels of the Maſter, Wardens and Cominaltie of the ſaid Art or Myſterie, which at any time of aſſembly ſhall lawfully be had in Communication among them then at their common Hall, you ſhall keepe ſecret & not diſcloſe the ſame to any perſon of the ſame Cominaltie, nor to any other, & eſpecially to any ſuch perſon whom the ſame matter doth concerne and touch. *So help you God.*

All which Ordinances and conſtitutions in manner and forme aforeſaid at the requeſt of the ſaid *Phinees Pett* Maſter of the ſaid Art or Myſterie of Ship-wrights and of the ſaid *William Bright*, *Nicholas Symonſon*, and *Nicholas Clay* now Wardens and Cominaltie of the ſame by authoritie and vertue of the ſaid Act of Parliament made in the ſaid nineteenth yeare of King H.7. Wee the ſaid Chauncellor and cheefe Iuſtice of either Bench aforeſaid haue, ſeene, read, examined and peruſed, and for good laudable and lawfull Ordinances conſtitutions and Oathes ſo far as we lawfully may, wee doe allow and approue by theſe preſents. *In witneſſe* whereof wee haue heereunto ſubſcribed our names and ſet to our ſeales the tenth day of September. In the yeares of the Raigne of our Soueraigne Lord *Iames* by the grace of God King of England, France and Ireland, defendor of the faith &c. the tenth, and of Scotland the fortieth. 1612.

THO. ELLESMERE *Canc.*

THO. FLEMING.

EDW. COKE.